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Official Letters

Office of the Secretary of
Colorado Territory
Denver June 11th 1861

Asst Treas U. S.
St Louis Mo.
Dear Sir.

I have this day drawn on the amount in your hands to my credit. by a check payable to the order of Clark Gruber & Co Bankers, for ($100) One Hundred Dollars

I am with great respect
Yours Ledyard Weld
Secy Col Ter

Office of The Secretary
of Colorado Territory
Denver July 8th 1861

Hon Wm Medill
First Comptroller Treas. Dep't
Washington D. C.
Dear Sir.

My instructions make it one of my duties to forward to your Department on the 1st July a report of the Public Expenditures in this Territory.

Owing to the fact that the Government has not yet been organized & set in operation I have no report of expenditures to make Preparations for convening the Legislature are now however rapidly progressing and that body will soon be in session

The Executive Department has as yet incurred no expenses from monies in my hands.

In reply to the "Inquiries relative to the Public Printing in the Territory of Colorado" I beg

leave respectfully to submit the following answers.
1st Qy There are four Printing offices in the Territory of Colorado.
2nd Qy They are, "The Republican & Herald", "The Rocky Mountain News." "The Times" and "The Miner's Record" The first two are located in the City of Denver, have each three presses, and have facilities for doing work in all departments of newspaper, book and job printing. The last two have each one press, and facilities for doing only the cheaper and more common kinds of job work. They are located respectively in Canon City and in Tarryall.
3rd Qy Workmen up to the present time have been easily obtained, but many are now leaving for the East to engage in the war or in consequence of it.
4th Qy Compositors are now receiving fifty cents (50c) per 1000 ems But an advance is expected and called for on account of the increasing scarcity of hands.
5th Qy Compositors receive Eighteen Dollars ($18) per week.
6th Qy Pressmen receive Sixty cents (60c) per token.
7th Qy Pressmen receive Eighteen Dollars ($18) per week.
8th Qy Two boys are employed in each office, and receive each six dollars ($6) per week.
9th Qy Printing paper used in the Territorial Printing can be procured at an average price of Five Dollars and one half ($5.50/100) per Ream. Foolscap Five Dollars ($5) Quarto Post Four Dollars ($4.)
10th Qy Paper is obtained by ox or mule team from St. Joseph and purchased at St Louis or St Joseph & at a cost of twelve cents (12c) per pound for transportation.
11th & 12th Qys For folding, folding and stitching no price can be fixed as little or nothing of that kind has yet been done in the Territory so far as can be ascertained. The work can however be done here, and as reasonably as any other work of that or a similar nature in this country.

I have been careful to get these estimates from the most reliable sources Work of all kinds demands

a high price as do materials Partly from the fact that this is a new country and but partially developed where the necessaries of life are comparatively difficult to obtain and are procured at great expense only in consequence of the distance and expense of transportation and partly from the fact that this is a Gold Region where labor naturally demands and receives the highest prices These facts will explain what otherwise might appear to be exorbitant charges

I would be very glad to receive at as early a date as possible any information the Department may think best to furnish me relative to the disposition of the Public Printing I am aware that some years ago the question arose in Nebraska whether that disposition was in the hands of the Secretary or of the Legislature If there is any precedent which is the rule of the Department at the present time I would be very glad to be furnished with it that I may be authoritatively prepared in case the question should arise here

I found upon inquiry in regard to the purchase of necessary furniture Safe &c &c this precise referred to in my instructions that such articles could be procured here from those regularly engaged in the business more cheaply & easily than at the East by myself & forwarded hither I have therefore ordered them at this place although I have as yet made no outlay in this regard

I am with great respect

Your Obt Servt

Lewis Reed yard Weld

Secy Col. Ter

Office of The Secretary of
Colorado Territory
Denver July 10th 1861

Asst Treasurer of the U. S.
St Louis Mo.

Dear Sir.

I have drawn against the amount in your hands to my credit the following checks - to wit -

{Check No 4. dated July 1st 1861
{payable to the order of Cass & Bro $108.00

{Check No 5. dated July 3rd 1861
{payable to the order of Clark Gruber & Co $500.00

{Check No 6 dated July 6th 1861
{payable to the order of Morton Fisher $120.00

I drew these checks payable to order at the particular request of the parties: they doing business through parties at St Louis and their endorsements and identity being well known.

I am with great respect
Your obt servt
Lewis Ledyard Weld
Secy Col. Ter.

Office of The Secretary of
Colorado Territory
Denver July 10th 1861

Hon Edward Bates
Atty General of the U. S.

Dear Sir

I enclose herewith certified copies of the official oaths of Benjamin F. Hall Chief Justice and of S. Newton Pettis Associate Justice of this Territory, now on file in my office.

I have the honor to be
With great respect
Your Obt Servt
Lewis Ledyard Weld
Secy Col Ter.

Office of The Secretary
of Colorado Territory
Denver July 12th 1861

Hon Wm Medill
First Comptroller Treas Dept.
Washington D.C.
Dear Sir

The Legislature of this Territory will now be very soon convened, the Election being called for the 19th day of August prox. as will be seen by the Proclamation of the Governor which I enclose herewith.

My purpose in writing at this time is to inform the Department of this fact and respectfully to urge the necessity which is obvious of placing within my reach before the meeting of the Legislature the funds appropriated for that body and for Executive purposes.

The $5000 which was permitted to be placed to my credit at first, was deposited at St Louis. If it is thought best I would like to have the remaining $15000. deposited at the same place.

I beg that I may be informed as early as possible if this has been done that I may make my calculations understandingly.

I am with great respect
Your Obt Servt
Lewis Ledyard Weld
Secy Col Ter

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Office of The Secretary of
Colorado Territory
Denver July 24th 1861

Wm Fraim Muir Esq Nevada -

Dear Sir

The Governor has placed in my hands a letter from yourself to him enclosing your commission from the Governor of Kansas Territory, as a Notary Public for the then County of Arapahoe. Your letter asks for an appointment as Notary under the Laws of Colorado.

In reply I beg to state that until the Legislature shall have convened and defined the duties of Notaries and the Laws which shall govern their action, it has not been deemed expedient to interfere with the present state of things in this regard or the action of those who have hitherto been acting in this capacity

If you desire an appointment as Notary, it will be necessary for you to file your application in this office - addressed to the Governor, that it may become a matter of Record.

When the Legislature shall have prescribed the Law of the Territory, appointments of Notaries will be made, and your application will then come regularly before the Governor for consideration -

I reinclose your Commission from the Governor of Kansas

Respectfully Yours
Lewis Ledyard Weld
Sec. Col. Ter.

Office of The Secretary
of Colorado Territory
Denver July 30th 1861

Harvey L. Graham Esq Mountain City Col.

Dear Sir.

The Governor has placed in my hands your communication to him of

the 27th ult.

In reply thereto I have to say That until the Legislature shall have convened and prescribed the Laws governing the Territory, and Justices of the Peace and the boundaries of Counties etc it will be impossible for the Executive to take any action in the premises.

The office of Justice of the Peace being an elective one, if when an election is ordered by the Legislature, Mr Williams shall again be elected, he will, as a matter of course, upon the filing of the proper certificate, be recognised as such and receive his commission

There are as yet no Laws prescribed for the Territory that being exclusively the province of the Legislature. As soon as they shall have passed such Laws, they may be obtained on application to the Secretary

I am very Respectfully
Lewis Ledyard Weld
Secretary of Colorado Ter.

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Executive Department. Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory, Denver Aug 2nd 1861

Hon William H. Seward
Secretary of State etc. Washington
Dear Sir.

I have deemed it necessary and important, that certain facts relative to the interests of the Territory of Colorado, should be brought to the knowledge of your Department, and through you to the President, that such relief and assistance as can be furnished to us, in establishing at the earliest possible moment an efficient Government here, may be provided I have therefore taken the liberty to address you.

Of the officers of the Territory, appointed by the President in the months of March and April, the Governor Secretary, Marshal; & Surveyor General, arrived at their Posts and entered early upon the discharge of their respective duties. The journey hither, being a long and expensive one, it was impossible for any of these officers to arrive before the middle or latter part of May or the first of June — They were received with the utmost Enthusiasm by the people, who hailed with delight their advent among them, as the sure promise of relief from a disorganized and chaotic state of Law and Society, from which they earnestly desired to be freed. Some time after Judge Pettis, one of the Associate Justices, arrived and still later Chief Justice Hall. These gentlemen immediately organized the United States Courts in the Districts appointed by the Governor. As yet we have heard nothing, nor have we been able to get any intimation of the whereabouts of Judge Armour or Attorney Gen'l Edwards. Judge Pettis, has within a few days temporarily returned to the States, but proposes I believe to be at his post, in time to hold the first term of his Court. It is very essential to the interests of the Territory, that the Attorney Gen'l should be here. Criminal causes are constantly being added to the Docket of the Court, and a Prosecutor is absolutely demanded by the exigencies of the case.

The Third Judicial District (Judge Armour's) needs a Judge, The District is an important one, comprising the region acquired from New Mexico and the immediate Establishment of a Federal Court is a necessity.

The election ordered by the Governor, will be held on the 14th inst. and the Legislature will be soon after convened. Their first duty will be to establish a system of practice and to prescribe laws To the end that this duty may be effectually and wisely performed, the advice of these authorized officers of the Law is needed and desired.

What shall we do? Will Judge Advocate and Mr. Edwards, be upon the ground and undertake the performance of the duties they have accepted, or will others be designated to fill their places?- We look for help in this regard, to the Federal Government. Painfully aware as we are of the overwhelming occupation of the Authorities in the present National troubles, we yet desire, if it is possible, to claim for a moment, our share of attention, believing as we do, that the firm establishment in this region, of a wise & well ordered Government, ensures the growth and prosperity here of an Empire of vast importance and interest to the Nation and the World.

Separated as they are by seven hundred miles of uninhabited plains, from their homes in the States, the people here are yet entirely loyal to the Union and Constitution, watching with the intensest anxiety and interest the progress of events at the East, and earnestly and patiently applying themselves to the development of the resources of the soil and the mines of precious metals.

I am aware that I may have exceeded in this communication the ~~precribed~~ immediate bounds of my official duty. Still as an officer of the Territory, entrusted with a grave responsibility in the establishment and development of its Government, and deeply interested as I am in its prosperity I have deemed it not inconsistent with my duty to acquaint the Department over which you preside with the facts as they exist, I have not taken this step without long consultation with Governor Gilpin. under whose advice, sustaining as it did my own strong conviction I have acted.

It is the desire of both that everything, even to the minutest detail should be started right, then to go on right will be easy. While on the other hand delay or mistake in any department, however apparently trivial, would be sure to retard our progress

as a people in the end. To the end therefore, that the desired result should be attained, it is essential that every part of the machinery of Government should be in its place and at work.

If I have overstepped the bounds of duty in the premises I trust that my earnest desire for the prosperity of this most important Territory, will be my sufficient excuse.

I have the honor to be, with the highest Respect. Your most obedient Servant

Lewis Kellyard Weld

Secy Colorado Ter.

Executive Department, Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory. Denver Aug 2d 1861

Hon Edward Bates

Attorney General of the U. S. Washington.

Dear Sir

The regulations of the Judiciary of the Territory emanating from your Department at Washington, it has seemed to me Essential that certain facts relative to that department of our Government should be laid before you.

The officers of that department who are now here are Chief Justice Hall, and Marshal Townsend. Judge Pettis has been here, but has returned to Washington temporarily. We have had as yet no news of any kind from Judge Armour or from Mr Edwards the Territorial Attorney General. That these gentlemen or others who shall fill their places should as soon as possible be here and at work is a matter of the very first importance. The Executive Department has proceeded to organize and establish the Government. a proclamation has been issued for the election. very soon the Legislature will convene. The presence of all the especial officers of the Law, to assist them in framing laws. and to enter upon the efficient discharge of their duties under those Laws immediately they have been declared. is most Essential. Already the need of a Prosecutor is widely

and strongly felt. Criminal causes accumulate upon the Docket of the U.S. Court and the presence of the authorized Attorney is strenuously demanded.

I beg that this matter may be enquired into and that the Government here may be informed how soon we may expect Mr Edwards and Judge Ar= mour here. or if they are not intending to enter upon the discharges of their duties. that some other persons may be appointed in their stead.

I have under the advice & after consultation with Governor Gilpin, addressed a letter on this subject to the Secretary of State earnestly hoping that by thus calling the attention of the offices of the Administration to these facts We may receive prompt and immediate aid in the premises.

If new appointments are to be made I can heartily unite with the Governor in his recommen= dation of James E. Dallibar Esq of this City. He is a gentleman of long experience at the bar. of high ability and firm Republican principle. I am confident that in either the office of Judge or Attorney General he would give great satisfaction to the people and to the Appointing Power.

The urgent necessity of the case, and the anxiety I feel in common with all the people of this Territory, that our Government may be inaugurated here, without error or delay which can retard or embarrass us hereafter must be my excuse for this communication. No country in the infancy of its social organization ever promised more for the future than this. Rich in every thing which tends to make a people great & powerful. With a soil unsurpassed in fertility. a vast mountain range filled with all precious metals and a climate perfect in salubrity. it holds out in= ducements for immigration such as no part of our country has ever yet done. With this animating prospect ever present to my view I can leave no stone unturned, towards effecting as far as is in my power a wise efficient & perfect system of Government which is the foundation of the prosperity we anticipate.

I have the honor to be with great Respect Your Obedient Servant

Lewis Ledyard Weld

Secy Colorado Ter.

Colorado Territory
Executive Department, Secretary's Office
Denver Aug 5th 1861

Asst Treasurer of the United States
St Louis Mo.

Dear Sir

I have drawn against the amount to my credit in your hands as follows:—

Check No 7 dated
Aug 1st 1861 payable to Morton C. Fisher
or Bearer — $200.00

for the Executive Expenses of this Territory

I am with great respect
Your Obt Servt
Lewis Edyard Weld
Secretary Col Ter.

Executive Department Colorado Territory
Secretary's Office Denver Aug 12th 1861.

Hon Elisha Whittlesey
First Comptroller Treas Dep't
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir

~~On the 4th day of June last I addressed a letter to your office announcing~~ announcing my arrival in the Territory and that I had assumed the discharge of the duties of my office

On the 8th day of July I again addressed your Department making the first of the semi-annual reports required by my instructions, and also replying to the "Inquiries relative to the Public Printing in the Territory of Colorado"— and further requesting the Department to furnish me with any decisions or precedent that might be deemed proper relative to the proper channel through which the Public Printing was to be disposed, that I might be armed with the proper authority from Head Quarters, in case the question should arise here as it has done in other Territories On the 12th day of July I again wrote to your Department—

to announce the fact that the Legislature would be soon convened and requesting that the appropriation for the Territory might be placed to my credit —

No one of these letters has been replied to and I now write respectfully but urgently desiring that the matters therein referred to and the questions asked may be attended to —

The Legislature will meet on the 9th Inst. It is absolutely essential that I should know how much money will be at my disposal for Legislative and Printing purposes, and that the amount be placed where my draft upon it will be honored.

The salaries of the Officers of the Territory have none of them been paid Those of the Governor and Secretary fell due on the 25th day of June, and as the expense of living here is nearly or quite double what it is in the States and the expense of the journey hither was very considerable these amounts are absolutely and pressingly needed.

No one of the official communications addressed to either of the Departments at Washington has been answered We are entirely in the dark relative to them, and in doubt whether or not any of them have been received.

We are endeavoring to establish as soon as possible for a lasting basis a Government here. We think we are entitled to some attention from the Home Gov. and hope it will be accorded

Very Respectfully Yr Obt Servt
C Elvis Stahlnaker Wells
Secy Col Ter

Colorado Territory.
Executive Department Secretary's Office
Denver Aug 13th 1861

Philip A. Hoyne Esq
Chicago Ill's
Sir.

Your several applications to the Governor of this Territory for a Commission as Notary Public &c. &c. have been received and filed in this Department.

In reply I have to say: That as yet our Legislature has not convened and until that body shall have passed laws regulating the appointment of Commissioners in the several States, no such appointments will be made. The Legislature will be called together on the 1st Proximo and as soon as this subject has been attended to and the law regarding it defined your application will be considered.

Hereafter we shall be obliged to leave unanswered any letter or applications of this kind unless the return Postage is enclosed. The great number of such communications received renders this rule a necessary one.

I am with great respect
Lewis Ledyard Weld
Secretary Colorado Territory

Executive Department Sec'y's Office
Colorado Terr'y Denver Aug 16/61

Ass't Treas. of the U.S.
St Louis Mo
Dear Sir

I have this day drawn against the amount in your hands to my credit as follows

Check No 8 dated Aug 16th 1861
and payable to Wm Larimer Jr or bearer } ... $120.00
(One Hundred & Twenty Dollars)

I have received notice from the First Comptroller at Washington that the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars has been placed with you to my credit.

I am with great respect. Yours &c
Lewis L. Weld Sec'y Prov Ter

Executive Department Colorado Territory.
Secretary's office Denver City Aug. 27th 1861

Assistant Treasurer of the United States.
St Louis Mo

Dr Sir

I have drawn against the amount in your hands to my credit the following checks

Check No 9 - Dated Aug 23d 1861. payable to Thomas Gibson or bearer. } $30.00

Check No 10 Dated Aug 26th 1861. Payable to Clark Gruber & Co or bearer } $500.00

To be applied to Legislative expenses of this Territory.

I am very Respectfully
Lewis Ledyard Weld
Secretary Col. Ter.

Executive Department Colorado Territory.
Secretary's Office Denver September 2d 1861.

Hon William H. Seward.
Secretary of State. Washington D. C.
Sir.

In compliance with a communication from the Assistant Secretary of State dated 16th August this day received. I beg leave herewith to enclose my official oath as prescribed by a recent law of Congress. I was born in the City and County of Hartford and State of Connecticut

I am instructed by Governor Gilpin to forward his official oath also. (which please find herewith) and to say for him, that he was born on the County of Newcastle and State of Delaware.

I have the honor to be
Your obedient Servant
Lewis Ledyard Weld,
Secretary of Colorado Ter.

Executive Department Colorado Ter^{y}
Secretarys office
Denver September 6th 1861

Hon Ben Farar
Assistant Treasurer of the U. S.
St Louis Mo

Sir.

I am this day in receipt of your favor of the 28th ult. informing me that $10.000 had been placed in your hands to my credit also covering a copy of circular. My drafts hereafter will be drawn in rigid conformity with these instructions. I think it is not possible that any unauthorized or forged Drafts can be presented bearing my name. Still in case of any such suspicion on your part. I beg that I may be immediately informed. I shall, as I have regularly heretofore done invariably notify you by the first mail of any drafts I may make

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
Lewis Ledyard Weed
Secretary Col. Ter.

Executive Department Colorado Territory
Secretary's Office
Denver September 9th 1861

Hon Elisha Whittlesey
First Comptroller Treas Dept
Washington D.C.

Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 2nd ult. informing me that the Hon the Secretary of the Treasury had caused the sum of $10.000 to be placed to my credit with the Assistant Treasurer at St Louis, and of your favor of the 26 ult. covering copies of correspondence relating to the disposition of the Public Printing. The first of these communications was received as you supposed after my letter of the 12th August was mailed. I have received notice of the fact it contained, from the Assistant Treasurer at St Louis.

Accept my thanks for the full response to my enquiries which your favor of the 26th August contains.

As my oath of office was made and filed in Washington on the same day and before the same Judge as that of Governor Gilpin, and as I have with him lately renewed the oath in accordance with the recent law of Congress, and in compliance with a request to that effect from the Department of State. I beg that the necessary official information of the fact may be given to the proper department without delay.

I am with great respect
Your obt Servt
Lewis Ledyard Weld
Secretary Colorado Territory.

Executive Department Colorado Ter.
Secretary's Office
Denver September 16th 1861.

Hon Elisha Whittlesey.
Comptroller Treasury Dep't
Washington D.C.

Sir:

The First Legislative Assembly of the Territory being now in Session, certain questions have arisen, and certain necessities been made evident for which there is no provision made, and on which my instructions throw no light. I therefore apply to you for advise and instruction.

The fact that a large number of the inhabitants of the Territory, those residing in that portion detatched from New Mexico, speak and read only the Spanish language rendered it necessary that the laws etc. Enacted and passed by the Legislature should be printed in Spanish. This fact makes it necessary to employ those who, Printers by trade are also sufficiently familiar with both languages. Such men are rare and when found demand a high price for their services. And knowing their value persist in the charge. Neither perhaps is it unreasonable that they should be paid more than for ordinary printing. Am I authorized to incur this Expense, and to pay it from the funds of the United States, in my hands? Again, in the House are two gentlemen, from the portion of the Territory referred to, who do not speak English, It has been found necessary to employ an Interpreter for them. Am I authorized to pay him for his services, and if so at what rates.

Again! It is necessary that each House should have an Enrolling and Engrossing clerk. The pressure of business makes it impossible for the Chief Clerk & his Assistant to perform this duty. Am I authorized to pay them, and at what rates! As the Legislature is now in session an early answer to these Enquiries would greatly oblige me. By the time this letter reaches you the second quarter of the official year of the terms of both the Governor & myself will have Expired. I have not during the quarter been absent from my post of duty, and I am very greatly in need of the money.

I beg that the necessary steps may be taken to furnish me with it

I am with great respect
Lewis Ledyard Weld
Secretary Colorado Territory

Executive Department Colorado Territory
Secretary's Office
Denver September 16th 1861

Hon Ben Farrar
Assistant Treasurer of the United States.
St Louis Mo

Sir.

On the 14th inst I drew against the amount in your hands to my credit the following check,

Check No 11 payable to
Clark Gruber & Co or bearer $1000.00

To defray the expenses of the Legislature

I am with great respect.
Lewis Ledyard Weld
Secretary Colorado Territory

Executive Department, Colorado Territory.
Secretarys Office.
Denver September 20th 1861.

Hon Ben Farrar
Assistant Treasurer of the United States St Louis Mo

Sir.

I have this day drawn against the amount in your hands to my credit the following.

Check No 12. payable to
Clark Gruber & Co. or bearer $1000.00

For the Expenses of the Legislative Assembly.

I am with great respect.
Your obt Servant.
Lewis Ledyard Weld
Secretary Col. Ter.

Executive Department Colorado Territory
Secretary's Office
Denver September 23rd 1861.

Hon Salmon P. Chase.
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

Sir

Permit me to encroach sufficiently upon your time, to bring before you certain facts which gravely effect the proper administration of Government here. And upon which I conceive it to be highly important that your personal opinion should be had. that by it all difficulty may be quelled in the present and avoided in the future.

On the 8th day of July last I addressed an official communication to the first Comptroller of the Treasury Department, in which I requested to be furnished with any information thought best relative to the disposition of the Public Printing in this Territory. adding that I made the request in consequence of the well known difficulties which had heretofore arisen in the Territories of Kansas and Nebraska. Mainly upon the question. in whose hands the disposition of the Public Printing is; whether in the hands of the Territorial Secretary, who is the Agent and officer of the Federal Government held and disbursed the money appropriated for the benefit of the Territory; or whether the Legislature should make the contract for the Printing. and upon their dictum and guided by their vouchers, the Secretary should pay the bills. This application was responded to by Hon Elisha Whittlesey 1st Comptroller enclosing copies of letters upon this question as it arose in Nebraska. being 1st a letter addressed to Hon Howell Cobb. then Secretary of the Treasury in 1858. and 2d a letter addressed to Hon John A Dix then Secretary in Feb 1861. with the Secretarys reply and which I was informed contained the present opinion of the Department. These letters are entirely conclusive that in the opinion of the Department; in the absence of any specific law upon the subject. the power to make the Contract is with the Secretary of the Territory. And that the Public Printer not being one of the officers

which the Legislature is authorized by law to elect but being simply a contractor, the power to contract is necessarily with the officer who disburses the fund. My instructions being specially minute in particular regarding the price, quality & style of the Printing, and the law of Aug 29 1842 (see vol 5 Stat: at large page 543) plainly indicating that this is one of the most important duties of any office; I made the contract for the public printing with Thomas Gibson, the Editor & publisher of the "Colorado Republican". I made this contract with him for these reasons.

1st He is an admirable business Man, with the fullest facilities for printing and binding.

2d He has been since the organization of the Party an incorruptible and staunch Republican, and is now and has been from the first an earnest and Enthusiastic supporter of the Administration and its Policy.

3d He has labored long without reward and at considerable personal sacrifice.

Other reasons equally cogent led me with the full approbation of the Governor, to make the Contract with him. On furnishing of my instructions. I supplied him a copy of the Circular relative to the printing. and gave him his instructions.

He immediately sent to the East for an increase of stock and material. And on the assembling of the Legislature was in a condition promptly and efficiently to perform all his duties.

But the Legislature, (stirred up & urged on by certain unballoting politicians whose only mission seemed to be to make trouble, where trouble was not before, taking the matter in their own hands and refusing to look at and consider officially the instructions I had received in the premises! in spite of the history of similar attempts in our sister Territories), claimed the right to ignore all higher authority than their own will, and to elect a Printer for themselves. And elected the very man of all others who ought not to have the public patronage. This man, Edward Bliss, is connected with the "News" Printing Establishm

which is conducted by even — including himself — on, no manner by their antecedents, entitled to public favor or patronage. I chose Wm Gibson and rejected the whole News Establishment from the very fact that their whole former course has been vacillating. And that Even now I did not consider them reliable even as Administration men. Convinced from my knowledge of the paper they conducted and themselves, that they were moved to adopt the principles and the course of the party in power — not because of the principle, but because of the power with which even I would have nothing to do. especially when another and perfectly sound man, who deserved all that could properly be done for him, was ready and able. This however may be said of the News and is urged by their friends in in their favor. They supported the Republican Candidate for Delegate to Congress. But there were many reasons for this course. most prominent among which was the expectation of this very reward.

The Legislature having thus taken the printing out of my hands it is impossible for me to exercise the supervision over it which is enjoined by my instructions, and the work is done without regard to economy or the rules laid down by the Department. I have no power to regain possession of the printing and its supervision except by the process of the Court, that process I shall at the proper time resort to. Neither shall I unless expressly instructed by you to that effect pay the charges of the printer elected by the Legislature This course I conceive to be enjoined upon me, by my instructions and to be my strict duty. from which I cannot deviate. I have no doubt that in this I shall be supported by you. I have been induced to write this letter partly from the fact that Bliss has publicly declared that he has received assurances direct from parties who have mentioned this matter to the President and some members of his Cabinet that I would not be sustained in my course: but that the public printing would by special instructions to me, be either wholly given to him, or divided between the two parties, Either of these courses would, at any rate especially since the matter has assumed its present complection. be in my opinion

very detrimental to the public interests. I earnestly beg your attention to this subject, and if consistent with your views, a statement of your concurrence in and approbation of any course.

I entreat your pardon for having thus forced upon your notice a matter which may appear trivial but I assure you sir it is a question vital to the importance and effectiveness of the Federal rule in this Territory.

I have the honor to be
with profound respect
Your Obt Servt
Lewis Ledyard Weld
Secretary Colorado Territory.

Executive Department Colorado Territory
Secretary's Office.
Denver September 30th 1861.

Hon Ben Farrar
Assistant Treasurer of the United States.
St Louis Mo.

Sir.

I have this day drawn against the amount in your hands to my credit the following.

Check No 13 payable to }
Cash or Bro or bearer } $1000.00

For the expenses of the Legislative Assembly.

I am with great respect
Your Obt Servt
Lewis Ledyard Weld
Secretary of Colorado Territory.

Executive Department, Col' Ter'
Secretary's Office
Denver October 7th 1861.

Hon Ben Farrar
Asistant Treasurer of United States.
St Louis
Mo.

Sir. I have this day drawn against the amount in your hands to my credit the following.

Check No. 14 payable to Cap & Bro or bearer } $950.53

Check No. 15 payable to Cap & Bro or bearer } $500.00

For the expenses of the Legislative Assembly.

I am with great respect
Your Obt Servt
Lewis Ledyard Weld
Secretary of Colorado Territory.

Executive Department Colorado Territory.
Secretary's Office
Denver Oct 16th 1861.

Hon Ben Farrar
Asst Treasurer of the U.S.
St Louis Mo.

Sir.
I have this day drawn against the amount in your hands, to my credit the following.

Check No 16. Dated Oct 16th 1861. }
payable to Cap & Bro or bearer } $500.00
For the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Legislative Assembly.

I am with great respect
Your obt Servt
Lewis Ledyard Weld
Secretary Col. Ter.

Executive Department Colorado Territory.
Secretary's Office

Denver Oct 16th 1861.

Hon Wm H. Seward
Secretary of State
Washington D.C.

Sir.

I am this day in receipt of a communication from Hon Elisha Whittlesey First Comptroller Treasury Department in reference to my salery as Secretary of this Territory which says. "The accounting officers have not received official notice from the State Department of the receipt of your office: your salery &c cannot be stated until your oath shall be received."

Upon the day that I received my commission at your hands, I took the oath of office before Justice Wayne of the U.S. Supreme Court, which I immediately filed in the State Department and on the 2nd day of September I took the new oath as prescribed before Chief Justice Hall of this Territory, and forwarded the same to you.

I beg that the proper official notice of these facts may be certified to the accounting officers that I may receive the money due me upon my salery of which I stand greatly in need.

I have the honor to be
With great respect
Your obedient Servant
Lewis Ledyard Weld
Secretary Col Ter

Executive Department Col Ter
Secretary's Office
Denver Oct 16th 1861

Hon Elisha Whittlesey
First Comptroller Treas Dept
Washington D.C.

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt this day of your favor of Oct 3rd relative to the employment of officers of the Houses of the Legislative Assembly, not specified by the Organic Act. In regard to any salary I have this day addressed a letter to the Hon the Secretary of State requesting that the proper official notice may be sent to the accounting officers without delay. I have waited sometime, and there are now two quarters salary due. And I am greatly in need of the money. I therefore respectfully beg that as soon as the notice required shall have been sent from the Department of State the amount due me may be forwarded.

I am with great respect
Yours &c
Lewis Ledyard Weld
Secretary Col Ter

Executive Department Colorado Ter.
Secretarys Office
Denver October 22d 1861

Henri Ben Farrar
Asst Treasurer of the United States.
St Louis Mo.

Sir.

I have this day drawn against the amount in your hands to my credit the following.

Check No 17. payable to
Warren Hussey or bearer $ 660.00

For the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Legislative Assembly.

I am with great respect
Your Obt Servt
Lewis Ledyard Weld
Secretary of Colorado Territory.

Executive Department Col Ter
Secretarys Office
Denver October 23d 1861.

D. C. Collier Esq.

Sir.

I have the honor to inform you of your appointment by his Excellency Gov Gilpin as a Notary Public for the Territory of Colorado in the County of Arapahoe.

Upon the filing of your bond according to law, and of an impression of your official seal, and the payment of the proper fee, your commission will be issued to you.

I am respectfully
Yours &c
Lewis Ledyard Weld
Secretary Col Ter.

Executive Department Colorado Territory.
Secretarys Office
Denver October 28th 1861.

To His Excellency
The President of the United States.
Washington D.C.
Sir.

I have the honor to enclose herewith a copy of Joint Resolutions which passed both Houses of the Legislative Assembly of this Territory on the 25th inst.

I have the honor to be
with great respect
Your Obedient Servant
Lewis Ledyard Weld
Secretary of Colorado Territory.

Executive Department Colorado Territory,
Secretarys office,
Denver October 28th 1861

Hon William H. Seward
Secretary of State
Washington D.C.
Sir,

I have the honor to enclose herewith a copy of Joint Resolutions which passed both Houses of the Legislative Assembly of this Territory on the 25th inst.

I have the honor to be
with great respect
Your Obedient Servant
Lewis Ledyard Weld
Secretary of Colorado Territory.

Executive Department Colorado Territory
Secretary's Office
October 28th 1861.

Hon Gideon Welles
Secretary of the Navy.
Washington D.C.
Sir.

I have the honor to enclose herewith a copy of Joint resolutions which passed both Houses of the Legislative Assembly of this Territory on the 25th Inst.

I have the honor to be
with great respect
Your Obedient Servant
Lewis Ledyard Weld
Secretary of Colorado Ter.

Executive Department Colorado Territory
Secretary's Office
October 28th 1861.

Hon Simon Cameron
Secretary of War.
Washington D.C.
Sir

I have the honor to enclose herewith a copy of Joint Resolutions which passed both Houses of the Legislative Assembly of this Territory on the 25th Inst.

I have the honor to be
with great respect
Your Obedient Servant
Lewis Ledyard Weld
Secretary of Col Ter.

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Executive Department Colorado Territory.
Secretary's Office.
Denver October 28th 1861.

Hon Salmon P. Chase.
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

Sir.

I have the honor to enclose herewith a copy of Joint Resolutions which passed both houses of the Legislative Assembly of this Territory on the 25th Inst.

I have the honor to be
With great respect
Your Obedient Servant
Lewis Ledyard Weld.
Secretary of Colorado Ter.

Executive Department Colorado Territory
Secretarys office
Denver October 28th 1861.

Hon Montgomery Blair
Post Master General of the U.S.
Washington D.C.

Sir.

I have the honor to enclose herewith a copy of Joint Resolutions which passed both Houses of the Legislative Assembly of this Territory on the 25th Inst.

I have the honor to be
With great respect
Your Obedient Servant
Lewis Ledyard Weld
Secretary of Colorado Ter.

Executive Department Colorado Territory
Secretary's office
Denver October 28th 1861.

Hon Edward Bates
Attorney General of the U.S.
Washington D.C.
Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith a copy of Joint Resolutions which passed both Houses of the Legislative Assembly of this Territory on the 25th Inst.

I have the honor to be
With great respect
Your Obedient Servant
Lewis Ledyard Weld.
Secretary of Colorado Ter.

Executive Department Colorado Territory
Secretary's Office
Denver October 28th 1861.

Hon H. P. Bennet, M.C.
Washington D.C.
Sir.

I have the honor to enclose herewith a copy of Joint Resolutions which passed both houses of the Legislative Assembly of this Territory on the 25th Inst.

I am very Respectfully
Yours &c
Lewis Ledyard Weld
Secretary of Colorado Territory.

Executive Department Colorado Territory.
Secretary's Office
Denver October 3rd 1861.

Hon Caleb B. Smith
Secretary of the Interior.
Washington D.C.

Sir.

I have the honor to enclose herewith a copy of Joint Resolutions, which passed both Houses of the Legislative Assembly of this Territory on the 25th Inst.

I have the honor to be
With great respect
Your Obediant Servant.
Lewis Ledyard Weld.
Secretary of Colorado Terry.

Executive Department Colorado Territory
Secretary's Office Denver November 4th 1861

Hon Ben Ferras
Assistant Treasurer of the United States
St Louis Mo

Sir

I have drawn against the amount in your hands to my credit the following, dated this 4th day of November 1861.

Check No. 18 payable to
Case & Bro or Bearer } $30.00

Check No 19 payable to
Case & Bro or Bearer } $100.00
for Legislative Expenses

I am Sir, very respectfully
Your Obt Servant
Lewis Ledyard Weld
Secretary of Colorado Territory

Executive Department Colorado Territory
Secretary's Office Denver November 7th 1861

Hon Oliver Warner
Secretary of The Commonwealth
Boston Mass.

Sir,

I have been requested by His Excellency Governor Gilpin to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 15th ult. and of the following volumes to wit: The Public Documents of The State of Massachusetts for the year 1861. The Special Laws Vol 9. The Acts and Resolves for the years 1860 & 1861 and The General Statutes for the year 1860.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt.
Lewis Ledyard Weld
Secretary of Colorado Territory

Executive Department Colorado Territory.
Secretary's office Denver November 8th 1861.

Hon Ben Farrar
Assistant Treasurer of U.S.
St Louis Mo

Sir

I have this day drawn against the Amount in your hands to my credit the following:

Check No 20 Payable to
A. H. Whittemore or Bearer } $ 180.00

Check No 21 Payable to
A. B. Griffin or Bearer } $ 180.00

Check No 22 Payable to
Clark Gruber & Co or Bearer } 2000.00

Check No 23 Payable to
Clark Gruber & Co or Bearer } 1000.00

to defray the expenses of the Legislative Assembly

I am Very Respectfully Your obt Servt
Lewis Ledyard Weld Secretary of Colorado T

Executive Department Colorado Territory.
Secretarys Office
Denver November 11th 1861

Hon. Ben Tappan
Asst Treas. of the United States.
St Louis Mo
Sir.

On the 9th November I drew against the amount in your hands to my credit the following.

Check No 24 payable to Clark Gruber & Co or bearer } $1,000.00

Check No 25 payable to Daniel Steel or bearer } $25.00

Check No 26 Nov 11th payable to Benj F Hall or bearer $50.00

For the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Legislative Assembly.

I am with great respect
Your Obt Servt
Lewis Ledyard Weld
Secretary of Colorado Territory.

Executive Department Colorado Territory
Secretary's Office, Denver November 13th 1861

Hon. Caleb B. Smith
Secretary of the Interior
Washington D.C.
Sir

I have the honor on behalf of Gov. Gilpin to acknowledge the receipt of your favors of Oct 28th & 29th informing him that you had forwarded by mail the United States Statutes at Large in twelve volumes including synoptical index. And by Express 17 volumes of American State Papers - for the Territorial Library The Statutes at Large arrived by mail this day. We have not yet received the volumes forwarded by Express

I have the honor to be
With great respect
Your Obt Servt
Lewis Ledyard Weld
Secretary of Colorado Territory

Executive Department Colorado Territory
Secretary's Office Denver November 14th 1861

Philip A Hoyne Esq
Chicago Ills

Sir:

I have the honor to inform you of your appointment by His Excellency Governor Gilpin, as a Commissioner of Deeds for the Territory of Colorado. Upon the receipt of an impression of your official seal in wax, and a copy of your official oath, to the effect that you will faithfully discharge the duties of your office, properly certified under the seal of some Court of Record, your Commission will be forwarded to you, upon the payment of $5. the fee prescribed by law.

This notice would have been sent you ere this but for the fact that our Legislature has but just adjourned and it was impossible for the Executive to anticipate their action in this regard.

I am with great respect

Yours &c

Lewis Ledyard Weld

Secretary of Colorado Territory.

Executive Department Colorado Territory
Secretary's office Denver November 14th 1861.

Alexander H. Gunn Esq.
New York City.

Sir

I have the honor to inform you of your appointment by His Excellency Governor Gilpin as a Commissioner of Deeds for the Territory of Colorado.

Upon the receipt of a copy of your official oath to the effect that you will faithfully discharge the duties of your office I will properly certify under the seal of some Court of Record, together with an impression of your official seal in wax, & the sum of $5. the fee prescribed by law your Commission will be forwarded to you.

I am with great respect

Your Obt Servt

Lewis Ledyard Weld

Secretary of Colorado Territory.

Executive Department Colorado Territory
Secretary's Office Denver November 15th 1861

Hon Caleb B. Smith
Secretary of the Interior
Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge on behalf of His Excellency Gov. Gilpin the receipt this day by mail of two copies of the Message Executive with accompanying documents under the Senate Resolution of Dec 17th 1860

I am with great respect
Your Obt Servt
Lewis Ledyard Weld
Secretary of Colorado Territory.

Executive Department Colorado Territory
Secretary's Office Denver November 15th 1861

Hon Ben Farar
Assistant Treasurer of the United States
St Louis Mo
Sir

I have drawn against the amount in your hands to my credit the following:

Check No 27 payable to Wm H. Shaw or bearer } dated Nov 11th 1861 $ 45.00

Check No 28 payable to Wm A. Rankin or bearer } dated Nov 12th 1861 $ 193.00

Check No 29 payable to Woolworth & Moffat or bearer } dated Nov 12th 1861 $ 263 20

Check No 30 payable to Thomas Gibson or bearer } dated Nov 15th 1861 $ 50.00

I am with great respect
Your Obt Servt
Lewis Ledyard Weld
Secretary of Colorado Territory

Executive Department Colorado Territory.
Secretarys Office.
Denver November 20th 1861

Hon Caleb B. Smith
Secretary of the Interior.
Sir.

I have the honor on behalf of Governor Gilpin, to acknowledge the receipt of three volumes of Howards U. S. S. Court Reports viz. Vols 21. 22. & 23. by this days mail.

I am with great respect
Your Obediant Servant
Lewis Ledyard Weld
Secretary of Colorado Territory.

Executive Office Colorado Territory
Secretary's Office
Denver November 25th 1861

Hon. Ben Farrar
Asistant Treasurer of the U. S.
St Louis Mo
Sir.

I have this day drawn against the amt in your hands to my credit the following

Check No 21. Dated November 25th 1861. payable to Clark Gruber & Co or bearer } $1 000,00

One Thousand Dollars.

For Legislative and other Territorial Expenses.

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully.
Lewis Ledyard Weld
Secretary of Colorado Territory.

P.S. I have written to Washington that an increase of the Territorial fund may be placed to my credit in your hands

L. L. W.

Executive Office Colorado Territory.
Secretary's Office
Denver, December 2nd 1865

Hon. Wm. M. Stewart M. C.
Washington D.C.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose herewith copies of joint resolutions, passed by the first Legislative Assembly of this Territory, which I am instructed to forward to you for presentation to Congress.

I am with great respect
Your ob't Servt
Wm. Gilpin
Governor of Colorado Territory.

Executive Department Colorado Territory,
Secretary's Office
Denver December 2nd 1865.

Hon. Schuyler Colfax
Speaker House Rep.
Washington D.C.

Sir.

I have the honor to enclose herewith joint Memorial of the first Legislative Assembly of this Territory, duly passed in this City, which I have been instructed to forward to you.

I have the honor to be
Your most obedient
Servt
Wm. Gilpin
Governor of Colorado Territory.

Executive Department Colorado Territory
Secretary's office
Denver December 2nd 1861

To the
Hon Hannibal Hamlin.
Vice President of the United States.
Washington D. C.
Sir.

I have the honor to enclose herewith a certified copy of a joint Memorial of the Legislative Assembly of this Territory lately convened in this City. and which I have been instructed to forward to you.

I have the honor to be
With great respect
Your obedient Servant
Lewis Ledyard Weld
Secretary of Colorado Territory.

Executive Department Colorado Territory.
Secretary's Office
Denver December 3rd 1861

To the
Hon Galusha A Grow.
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Washington D.C.

Sir.

I have the honor to forward herewith a Certified Copy of a Joint Memorial of the Legislative Assembly of this Territory lately convened in this City. and which I have been instructed to forward to you.

I have the honor to be
With great respect
Your obedient Servant
Lewis Ledyard Weld
Secretary of Colorado Territory.

Executive Department Colorado Territory
Secretary's office Denver December 14th 1861

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt by mail of the following volumes to wit: A copy of the Compiled Statutes of the State of Connecticut 1854 the Public Acts of 1857 & 9 & 60 & 61 The Private Acts from 1789 to 1857 & Private Acts for 1857. 8. 9 & 60 together with the House Journal (extra session 1861)

These volumes are a great acquisition to our Territorial Library and I thank you for your prompt response to my request

I am very Truly Yours
Lewis Ledyard Weld
Secretary Colorado Territory

Chas J Hoadley Esq
State Librarian
Hartford Conn

Executive Department Colorado Territory
Secretary's office Denver December 15th 1861

Robert C. Wright Esq
Chicago Ills

Sir

I have the honor to inform you of your appointment by His Excellency, as Commissioner of Deeds for the Territory of Colorado within the State of Illinois. Upon the receipt of your Official oath to the effect that you will faithfully perform the duties of your Office properly certified under the seal of some Court of Record, together with a copy of your Official Seal in Wax. Your Commission will be forwarded to you The fee received through Mr Dallibar was correct

I am very respectfully
Yours &c
Lewis Ledyard Weld
Secretary Colorado Territory

Executive Department Colorado Territory
Secretary's office Denver December 19th/64

Hon Salmon P Chase.
Secretary of the Treasury.
Washington D.C.
Sir.

I have the honor herewith to make to your Department my second semi Annual report as Secretary of this Territory. The first made upon the 8th of July last according to my instructions was a simple statement of a few facts regarding the then condition of my office. and replies to various questions regarding the Public Printing. Since that time the labor of my office has commenced. and been prosecuted.

The first Legislative Assembly of the Territory has been convened. has concluded its session, and been dispersed. It has been my earnest endeavor to keep the expenses within bounds. to spend no money save where it was absolutely necessary. and in all respects to make the little I had, go as far as economy with a proper respect for the Public good would permit. The result I now submit to your inspection.

You will see that the whole amount expended from the Public fund appropriated for the Territory has been ($12. 883. 91) Twelve Thousand Eight hundred and eighty three dollars and Ninety one cents, The amount now on hand in bank in this City, and in the possession of the Assistant Treasurer of the United States, in the City of St Louis. to my credit ($2. 116. 09) Two thousand one hundred and Sixteen dollars. and Nine cents, making in all ($15. 000. 00). Fifteen thousand dollars of the fund appropriated for the Territory, which has up to this time been placed to my Credit. there are still remaining. not yet drawn from your department ($000.) Five thousand Dollars of the original fund.

I have labored. in many particulars under considerable difficulty in the disbursement of this fund. The prevailing medium of exchange in this Country is Gold dust. Coin is very rarely to be obtained. and Coin of the Authorized American currency not to be had. My checks upon the Assistant Treasurer at St Louis bring no premium; had the amount been placed with the Assistant Treasurer in New York I would have been

to negotiate my checks to much greater advantage. If a Government Agency could be established here not only would all difficulty in this regard be avoided but I am persuaded the advantage to the Government in the single item of my own department alone would be considerable. I was obliged to pay the per diem and mileage of the Legislature in Coin of Clark and Gruber's mint. In other respects I have been able to use the gold dust at current rates. ($16.00 per oz)

In some particulars I have been obliged to go outside of the letter of my instructions, and use that discretion, which a perfect knowledge of existing exigencies, enabled. In these respects I have no doubt my course will be approved by the Department. The Vouchers I send herewith will sufficiently explain themselves. It was absolutely necessary that an Interpreter and Translator of the Spanish language should be employed for the Legislature. two members of that body, representing the Mexican portion of the inhabitants of the Territory, not being able to read or speak the English. I have therefore incurred expense in that regard, at as reasonable rates as possible. It will be necessary to have the Laws translated into, and printed in the Spanish. and that expense I shall also be obliged to incur, as without it at least ten thousand of the inhabitants of this Territory would be without the means of knowing the law. The work is now going on, as I have no doubt that Congress will see the necessity and permit the outlay.

In consequence of the fact that, by the action of the Legislature the Public Printing was taken out of my hands, and from my supervision, it was utterly impossible for me to procure the daily copying of the Laws and Journals as suggested in my instructions, and have therefore been compelled in order to have them printed to incur the expense of copying from the originals which might otherwise have been avoided. I beg again to urge the obvious necessity of a settlement of this much vexed question, and that either the whole of the supervision of the Public printing and the expenses therefor be placed in my hands removed from them, and placed in the hands of the Legislature.

Nothing save a distinct direction on the part of the department relative to this particular Territory will place the question where it should be, and set at rest a trouble which otherwise will be constantly occurring. I had the honor on the 23rd day of September last to address a letter to you on this subject to which I have not yet received a reply.

A word concerning the apparently exorbitant charges which appears from some items of my accounts I beg that it will be remembered that a wide and uninhabited plain seven hundred miles in extent seperates this Territory from its only present source of supply: That this is a gold region, where prices for everything are double, treble, and sometimes quadruple what they are, in the States. These facts will explain why the expenditures are so heavy, and why the amount appropriated for the Territory are so inadequate to its wants. I earnestly hope that Congress will appropriate for our use a much larger sum.

The great amount of work in my office during the last three months has obliged me to employ a Clerk, and during a portion of that time two. One of these I discharged as soon as the necessities of the public service permitted, the other I have retained at the most reasonable salary, at which I could procure competent assistance. As soon as the amount of labor in my office is sufficiently reduced so that I can perform all the work myself, I shall dispense with his services also.

I have paid Mr Gibson from time to time two thirds of his bill as is permitted by my instructions. I transmit Specimens of all the printing executed under my supervision, except the Laws Etc now being printed in book form, and some proclamation of the Governor, which are identical with those furnished.

As soon as the Laws passed by the Legislature, and the Journals of the two houses are published, I shall forward copies of them, as directed by the Organic Act. together with a copy of the Executive proceedings of the Governor.

Permit me in conclusion to express again the hope that some measures for the relief of this community in respect of the prevailing currency.

will command your early attention, and that the Government will weigh the advantage which will accrue to itself as well as to this people, by giving the matter prompt consideration.

I have the honor to be Sir
with profound respect
Your Obedient Servant
Lewis Ledyard Weld
Secretary of Colorado Territory.

Executive Department Colorado Territory.
Secretary's Office Denver January 5th, 1864.

Hon Elias H. Whitney.
First Comptroller
Sir.

The expenses of the Territory require that I should ask that the $5000 of the appropriation for Colorado remaining should be placed to my credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the U.S. at St Louis. This money is needed chiefly for the printing of the Laws of the late Legislature, also for room rent, fuel etc for the Secretary's office and for "incidental" expenses. I beg that this amount may be furnished as soon as possible.

The third quarter for which my salary is due was expired, I consider me, in accordance with the regulations that I have been constantly at my post during the quarter, and hope that the amount due me may be forwarded.

I am very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Lewis Ledyard Weld
Secretary of Col Ter.

Executive Department Colorado Territory
Secretary's Office Denver January 3d 1862.

Hon Benn Farrar
Asst Treasurer of the U.S.
St Louis Mo.

Sir.

I have drawn against the amount in your hands to my credit under date of December 31st
Check No 32. payable to
Chas Lamberton or bearer $110.27

I hope soon to hear from Washington of a further sum being placed with you to my credit. Until I have assurance that this has been done. I shall draw no further upon you.

I am very Respectfully.
Yours &c
Lewis Ledyard Weld.
Secretary Colorado Territory.

Executive Department Colorado Territory.
Denver January 3rd 1862.

Robert C. Wright Esq.
Chicago Ill.

Sir.

I am in receipt of your favor of the 2nd inst enclosing your official oath and two impressions of your Commissioners seal. The seal I observe does not in all respects comply with the requirements of law. The words, "For the Territory of Colorado" should be placed beneath the words "Commissioner of Deeds". You will therefore please have the change made, and an impression of the seal so altered, forwarded to me. I send you herewith your commission.

I am Respectfully Yours
Lewis Ledyard Weld
Secretary & Acting Governor
of Colorado Territory.

Executive Department Colorado Territory.
Denver February 14th 1862.

Hon Elisha Whittlesey.
1st Comptroller Treasury Dept
Washington D.C.
Sir.

On the 3d of January last, I had the honor to address a communication to you, asking that the $5000. of the appropriation made for this Territory, now remaining undrawn, might be placed to any credit with the Asistant Treasurer at St Louis. — I have not yet heard from you in that regard.

I am in great need of those funds for the the expenses especially of printing the Laws. The Volume is now nearly ready for distribution and the printer under the law is entitled to some proportion of his pay.

Although the daily current expenses for matters to which the appropriation is applied are not large, still they are constant, and the approaching necessity for preperation for the next Legislature, especially since the Capitol has been removed from this place, causes me to fear, lest I shall be entirely without means to meet the expenses actually necessary.

Permit me therefore most respectfully to urge that the amount remaining, may be placed to my credit without delay. It has been my constant care, to be as economical as possible in the use of the fund placed in my charge. But the expenses here are necessarily larger than in other places, and the most careful economy will not obviate the difficulty.

In this respect I beg respectfully to refer you to my former communications.

I have the honor to be
With great respect
Your Obt Servant
Lewis Ledyard Weld
Secretary of Colorado Territory.

Executive Department Col. Ter.
Secretarys office Denver March 10th 1862

Robert F. Fisk Esqr.
State Librarian.
St Paul Minn
Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt for the use of the Territorial Library of Colorado. of the following volumns. directed to His Excellency Governor Gilpin. to wit:

Journal of the Senate 1861.
Journal of the H of Rep^s 1861.
Session Laws 1861.
Executive Documents for 1861. one vol
First annual Report of Com^r of Statistics.
Supreme Court Reports. vols 3 & 4.
Compiled Statutes. 1849. 1858 one vol.

In acknowledging the receipt of these valuable documents. permit me to express my cordial thanks. and the hearty desire of this Government to reciprocate the favor thus extended. and to sustain a regular exchange of official documents.

I am sir with great respect
Lewis Ledyard Weld
Secretary of Colorado Territory

Executive Department Colorado Territory
Secretarys Office Denver March 12th 1862.

Hon William H Seward.
Secretary of State.
Washington D.C.
Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 14th January last. instructing me to share the public printing of Colorado Territory. "as equally as may be practicable" between the two "loyal newspapers. published in this City." And also of your favor of the 28th Feby. (received by the last mail) "directing me to deliver the copy of the House & Council Journal of this Territory. to the proprietors of the Rocky Mountain News." with authority to print the same."

I beg leave respectfully to say in reply. That so far as the printing of the Laws of Congress is concerned. and the printing for other departments of the United States service is. and has been concerned, from the beginning until now. the work has not only been divided. but in most respects. and so far as the establishment was capable of performing the labor the "News" has received by far the larger share. This has been done by order of Gov Gilpin.

Regarding the printing immediately under my control, I received definite instructions before my arrival in the Territory-to assume my official duties- from the department of the Treasury- I have endeavored to act in strict conformity with these instructions. In accordance with a circular received from that Department. I made the necessary investigation, and finally concluded a contract with Mr Thomas Gibson. the proprietor of the Colorado Republican."

Early during the session of the Legislature. that body took into their own hands the decission of the question, to whom the contract should be given. annulled so far as they could the contract I had made and gave the current printing to the "News." Thus depriving Mr Gibson of at least a portion. and that a very considerable portion of the benefits he had a right to expect from the contract. and for which he had prepared and provided himself. Upon the adjournment of the Legislature. I placed the Laws as passed, and the journals of the two Houses. into the hands of Mr Gibson. These are now nearly ready for distribution, the Council Journal is already finished And the Laws & House Journal will be ready for distribution before this communication can reach you. The work has been well and faithfully performed.

There are other reasons entirely cogent in my opinion, why the course I have taken is the only just and proper one, To those reasons I beg respectfully to call your attention.

1st Mr Gibson the proprietor of the "Republican" is an entirely faithful and enthusiastically loyal man. who has stood firm amid difficulties of no ordinary kind.

2nd The "Rocky Mountain News" is not a sheet respectable in this community either for honesty of purpose or loyalty to the Government. under an outside garb of devotion to the Union. there is very strong reason to believe that it is venal to the last degree. and it has always been as it now is. the open apologist for the worst and most dangerous class of people in our midst. Its columns daily abound in the most virulent personal abuse of the Federal officers of this Territory. and one of the most prominent writers for its pages. is a man who was driven from the City of St Joseph Missouri as a rebel and a traitor.

I regret that I am obliged under the circumstances of the case. to make these facts a matter of Public Record. I could add largely to them. but it seems to me they are entirely sufficient. They are conclusive to my own mind as reasons why there should be change from the course I have adopted. besides as I have already stated. the work of the Public Printing for the current year is already performed.

As this question has assumed the importance it has, and has commanded so much of your attention I beg that you will have the kindness to examine the facts as I have presented them. especially as my own faithfulness in office seems to be called in question in this regard. I believe that in this as in all other official duties. I have endeavored honestly and faithfully. to do that, which was in my most carefully matured opinion. the best for the Public good. and for the honor of the Public service.

I have the honor to be
with the highest respect
Your Obediant Servant.
Lewis Ledyard Weld.
Secretary of Colorado Territory.

Executive Department. Colorado Territory.
Secretary's Office.
Denver May 28th 1862.

Hon Wm H. Seward.
Secretary of State.
Washington D.C.
Sir.

I arrived in this city on the 26th inst and have entered upon the discharge of my duties as Secretary of the Territory.

I am happy to report the Territory in a flourishing condition. and as far as I can learn. as eminently loyal.

With great respect.
Your Obt Servt
Sam'l H. Elbert.
Secretary of Colorado Territory.

Executive Department Colorado Territory.
Secretary's Office
Denver May 28th 1862.

Hon Salmon P. Chase
Secretary of the Treasury.
Washington D.C.
Sir.

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With great respect
Your Obt Servt
Saml H. Elbert
Secretary of Colorado Territory.

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Executive Department Colorado Territory.
Secretary's Office
Denver May 31st 1862.

E. W. Jones Esq.
Sir.

Your communication of the 24th inst has been received and contents noted. There are many difficulties always attending the first organization of all new Territories, and your people are probably experiencing them.

If you will advise me upon the following points, I will endeavor to put your County organization in motion

1st Are the persons elected County Commissioners at your last election, still citizens of your County.

2nd " - Have they taken their oath of office.

3rd " - If the County Commissioners elected, are not now residents of the County, are the commissioners appointed by Governor Gilpin, now citizens of your County.

Any other information concerning your County officers elected, Bonds given &c. may be of use.

Respectfully
Sam H. Elbert.
Secretary of Colorado Territory.

Executive Department, Colorado Territory.
Secretary's Office
Denver June 3rd 1862.

J. L. Gasper Esq
County Clerk
Costilla County C. T.
Dear Sir.

Your communication to Secretary Weld of the 24th of May 1862, has been handed to me as his successor, and contents noted.

In reply I have to say that I fully appreciate the serious difficulties under which you labor in the organization of your Counties, and the conduct of your County affairs.

There is no doubt in my mind, but what the

Laws should be published in Spanish for the benefit of your citizens, and I have no doubt but what the Department at Washington, will authorize one to have them so published, upon a proper representation of the facts of the case.

I am not authorized to have them published except in English, and consequently have to procure from the Department special instructions; if I have them published in any other language, I shall send by the next mail a letter to the Department giving the facts in the case, urging the necessity of having a certain number published in Spanish, and asking for instructions to have them published at as early a day as possible.

I regret that your Representatives have had the trouble and expense of coming so far to no purpose.

The Department decided that the session in June would not be legal, and Congress postponed the session to July: Now there is still a question as to the legality of the session in July, and it may be postponed again, but it is uncertain, as soon however as we know, whether a session will be held or not, we will use every effort to send your Representatives word.

Respectfully
Jann H. Elbert.
Secretary of Colorado Territory.

Executive Department Colorado Territory.
Secretarys Office
Denver June 3° 1862.

Hon S. J. Seward,
Asst Secretary of State.
Washington D.C.

Sir.

I am in doubt in regard to the following points.

1st Section 3rd of the Organic Act of our Territory among other duties, prescribes that I shall Keep a Record of "All the Acts and proceedings of the Governor in his Executive Department."

Does this require me to Keep a record of his "Official Correspondence"

As this involves a large amount of copying it is of some importance.

2nd — Section 11th of the Organic Act. speaking of the official Oaths of Secretary and Governor is as follows. "Which said oaths. when so taken. shall be certified by the person by whom the same shall have been taken: and such certificates shall be received and recorded by the Secretary. among the executive proceedings.

My official oath was administered by Justice Wayne of the Supreme Bench. and then returned to your Department. as directed in your letter enclosing the oath in blank for one to execute.

Is this a sufficient compliance with the Organic Act? and if not what course is proper to pursue.

Information upon these points will greatly oblige.

With great Respect
Your Obt Servt
Sam A Elbert
Secretary of Colorado Territory.

Executive Department. Colorado Territory.
Secretary's Office
Denver June 4th 1862.

Hon S. P. Chase
Secretary of the Treasury.
Washington D.C.
Sir.

Allow me to call your attention to a matter seriously affecting the welfare of quite a large portion of the Citizens of our Territory.

From the best sources of information at my command. I should suppose the Mexican population of the Territory to be between five and six thousand.

These settlements are principally in the southern portion of the Territory. in the Counties of Costilla. Conejos. and Huerfano. comprising that portion of our Territory which formerly belonged to

New Mexico.

In the Counties of Costilla and Conejos with a joint population of from three to four thousand there are not perhaps one hundred Americans.

In the County of Huerfano the proportion of Americans and Mexicans is somewhat larger.

In all of these Counties the Mexican population is rapidly increasing, owing to the political troubles and disturbed condition of New Mexico.

They are quiet, peaceable citizens disposed to obey the laws, and anxious to participate in the organization of the Territory.

Being unable however to read and understand the laws except in the Spanish language, they are entirely at sea, without any county organization or any administration of the law by Justice of the Peace Probate Judge or other inferior Tribunal, at this they grumble much and justly.

Forming distinct communities to themselves called upon by our laws to elect Members to our Territorial Legislature, to organize their county governments, to pay taxes, to perform all the duties of citizens, the justness of their claim, to have the laws under which they live, and are called upon to act, published in a language they can read and understand, appears to one too plain to need argument.

The laws have already been translated into Spanish by a translator employed by my predecessor, who also - as appears by the letters of Record in this office, - addressed the Department upon this subject some months since, but to which, he tells me he has received no reply.

Enclosed, I send you also a letter addressed to me, by two of the Representatives of Costilla County containing the same prayer.

I also received a messenger to day from the same County, who had traveled over two hundred miles, to represent the wants and difficulties of his people in this regard.

The Territorial Legislature appreciating the wants of this portion of our population, directed the Secretary to have a sufficient number of copies of the laws, printed in their language, for the use of these Counties. —

but the Secretary did not feel authorized to comply. except directed by the Department.

I am of the opinion that two hundred and fifty will be sufficient. and hope that I may be instructed to have the same published at as early a day as possible.

With great Respect
Your Ob't Serv't.
Sam'l H. Elbert.
Secretary of Colorado Territory.

Office of Secretary of the
Territory of Colorado
Denver July 1st 1862.

Hon S. P. Chase.
Secretary of the Treasury.
Washington D.C.
Sir.

The second regular session of the Legislative Assembly of Colorado Territory. commences on the first Monday of the present month. and I shall require Money to meet the following Expenditures. "to wit."

Per diem of Members of both Houses	$5.000.
Mileage " " " "Do "	1.000.
Pay of Officers & Employees Do	2.000.
Incidental Expenses for the half year From July 1st to Dec 1st 1862.	4.000
Total.	$12.000.

The estimates cannot be accurately made. but the above approximates the amount.— The Expenses of my predecessor for the same period last year were $12. 885. 91. since when, seventeen Members have been added to the Legislature.

I should much prefer that you place the above amount to my credit in New York City, as I can much more readily negotiate my drafts on New York than on any other Depository.

The fact that the Legislature meets on the seventh inst will suggest prompt action. in order that I may be able to pay the Members at the close of the session.

With Great Respect
Your Obt Servt
Sam'l H Elbert
Secretary of Colorado Territory.

Office of Secretary of the
Territory of Colorado.
Denver June 6th 1862

Hon Elisha Whittlesey
First Comptroller.
Treasury Department.
Sir.

Will you please forward me my salary for the quarter ending 30th of June 1862.

My commission bears date 14th of April 1862. and I suppose the amount due me to be $385.

Should it not interfere with the practice of your Department I should prefer having it in four warrants or drafts. three. one hundred each. and the remainder in a fourth.

With Great Respect
Your Obt Servt
Sam H Elbert
Secretary Colorado Territory.

Executive Department Colorado Territory.
Secretarys Office Denver June 6th

Hon Elisha Whittlesey
First Comptroller
Treasury Department
Sir.

I am in doubt upon the following points.

1st Am I authorized to have the laws of a general nature. as they are passed by the Legislature from time to time. published in one or more newspapers in the Territory. for the more speedy information of the people.

2d Am I authorized to pay for one or more newspapers in the Territory. during the session for the use of each member.

3d Am I authorized to pay their postage or any part of it. for the session.

4th Am I authorized to employ one or more Interpreters as may be necessary to interpret for Mexican Members of the Legislature.

There will be four Mexican members in the next session, who cannot understand or speak English and one or more Interpreters will be necessary.

With Great Respect
Your Obt Servt
Sam H Elbert
Secretary of Colorado Territory.

Executive Department Colorado Territory.
Secretarys Office
Denver June 9th 1862.

Hon Wm H. Seward.
Secretary of State.
Sir.

I am in receipt of your circular of the 19th of May last. asking for the signatures of the Governor and Secretary of this Territory. the date of their commissions. and an impression of the Great Seal of the Territory.
All of which are subjoined.

With great Respect
Your Obt Servt
Sam H. Elbert.
Secretary of Colorado Territory.

Governor Jos. Evans Commission dated March 26th 1862.
Secretary Sam H Elbert do do April 14th 1862

Seal

Executive Department. Colorado Territory.
Secretarys Office
Denver June 9th 1862

Hon Elisha Whittlesey
First Comptroller
Treasury Department.
Sir.

I forward by tomorrows mail a/c of Mr Gibson for printing Territorial laws, Journals &c together with samples of all printing done.

I have no doubt of the correctness of the a/c as to the amount of work done.

I hope you may be able to instruct me at an early day as to their payment as Mr Gibson is in great need of his money, and as yet has received but very little compensation on the work done.

With great Respect
Your Obt Servt
Sam H. Elbert
Secretary of Colorado Territory.

Executive Department Colorado Territory
Secretarys Office
Denver June 16 1862

Hon Elisha Whittlesey
Washington DC

Sir

Enclosed I forward you a/cs of Woolworth & Moffat and also that of Ford & Stanton. As they refer only to Expenses incured under the Late Secretary of course I am unable to certify to them. further than that I presume them to be correct.

I hope you will instruct me at as Early a day as possible in regard to their payment, as well as in regard to all other Matters pertaining to the a/cs of the Late Secretary.

Mr Weld tells me that prior to his resignation he made a requisition on the Treasury for Money to pay these and other Expenditures. Will you inform me what action was taken in the Matter.

With great Respect
Your Obt Servt
Sam H Elbert
Secretary of Colorado Territory

Executive Department Colorado Territory
Secretarys Office
Denver June 25th 1862

Hon Elisha Whittlesey
1st Comptroller
Washington D.C.

Sir

Yours of the 14th inst has been received in which you speak of not having received copies of the Journals of our Legislative Assembly forwarded on the 30th of May last
For fear that they have miscarried I forwards by tomorrows mail additional copies of Each

With great respect
Your obt. servt.
Sam H Elbert
Secretary of Colorado Territory

Executive Department Colorado Territory
Secretary's Office
Denver June 25th 1862

Hon Caleb B Smith
Secretary of the Interior

Sir

I am in receipt of the following boxes of Books forwarded by your Department to the Territorial Library.

Box No 1 Con- Mills Ex- Exp Jrn
" " 2 " do " "
" " 3 " do " "
" " 4 Miscellaneous
" " 5 do
" " 6 do
" " 7 House Doc^s 34 Congress

With great respect
Your obt servt
Sam H Elbert
Secretary Colorado Territory

Executive Department Colorado Territory
Secretary's Office
Denver June 26th 1862.

Geo King Esq
Clerk and Recorder
Park County C.T.

Sir

Yours of the 19th inst has been received. Enclosed please find your commission as Notary Public together with oath of office, which you will please take before some one authorized to administer oaths.

I also enclose commission and oath for A. D. Griffin of your county, which you will please deliver to him as soon as he shall qualify and execute the customary bond, and you shall have recorded the same.

You will please endorse upon his bond to the effect "that you are acquainted with the sureties thereon, and that you believe them to be worth the penal sum therein mentioned over and above all their just debts and liabilities"

The laws do not state who shall approve of the bonds of Notaries, but as it is necessary that the public should be protected against worthless bonds, and as it is impossible for me to obtain the necessary information to enable me to approve them, except by this method I have adopted the practice of asking the Clerk and Recorder of the county for which the Notary is appointed to certify to the sufficiency of the bondsmen as above. It in no way renders them liable and is a protection to the public.

With great respect
Your Obt. servt.
Sam H. Elbert
Secretary of Colorado Territory

Executive Department Colorad Territory.
Secretary's Office
Denver June 27th 1862

J J Graham Esq
Boulder City C.T.

Sir

Yours of the 17th inst has been received. The question as to who shall pay the Expenses of the first Election has been submitted to the Department at Washington. The decision when made will be made known to you

With great respect
Your obt servt
Sam. H. Elbert
Secretary of Colorado Territory

Executive Department. Colorado Territory
Secretary's Office
Denver June 27th 1862

A. D. Griffin Esq
Laurette C.T.

Sir

Your communication of the 4th of June has been received

You will receive your commission as Notary Public by calling upon Geo. King County Clerk and Recorder Park Co. and subscribing to the oath and giving the customary bond

The fee is two dollars which you will please leave with Mr King

With great respect
Your obt. servt.
Sam H Elbert
Secretary Colorado Territory

Executive Department Colorado Territory
Secretarys Office
Denver June 27th 1861

Mr. H. Sayr
Clerk and Recorder
Larimer Co. C. T.

Sir

Your communication of the — inst has been received.

The question of the necessity of the county and precinct officers to be commissioned by the Governor, has been passed upon by me in another case, and I am inclined to the opinion that it is not required for any Elected County or precinct officer to be commissioned by the Governor.

The Certificate of Election is the authority of any County or precinct officer to act as such.

The practice in Nebraska under a similar wording of the Organic Act has been in accordance with this rule: Kansas however under the same Organic Act adopted the practice pursued by my predecessor Mr Weld, and required all officers to be commissioned by the Governor.

I am quite confident however that the other is the correct interpretation, and shall practice upon it until I am convinced otherwise. There is nothing however in this office showing that the officers Elected have ever qualified in accordance with law. You will therefore send me a certified list of such officers in your County as have qualified, and I will forward you the Laws for all

With great Respect
Your obt. servt
Sam M Elbert
Secretary Colorado Territory

Secretary's Office. Colorado Territory
Denver June 25th 1862.

To the Honorable
The members of the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Colorado
Gentlemen

I am in receipt by to days mail of a letter from the Hon H. P. Bennett. Delegate in Congress for our Territory in which he writes as follows-

"No session can be paid for until a new Legislature is Elected. this is what Hon Elisha Whittlesey says and he opens and closes the Treasury on you as the law directs- I regard the question so far as disbursing the money is concerned as now settled beyond all controversy".

Every preperation for your session on the 7th of July next was being made, but being thus notified that there can be no payment made to you or on account of your session in July. I conceive it to be my duty to inform you of the fact.

With great Respect Gentlemen
Your Obt Servt
Sam A Elbert
Secretary of Colorado Territory

Executive Department. Colorado Territory
Secretary's Office
Denver June 27th 1862

Hon Elisha Whittlesey
First Comptroller
Treasury Department
Sir

I am in receipt of a letter from Judge Bennett Delegate to Congress enclosing copy of your letter of the 18th of April last addressed to him on the subject of our Legislative ~~assembly~~ - Endorsed thereon as follows.

"

Comptrollers office June 11th 1862.

Dr Sir.

You will perceive by the portion of the Comptrollers letter underscored within. that the proposed assembly of the Legislature of Colorado or in fact any assembly prior to the next election for members, is pronounced to be illegal. unless sanctioned by an act

of Congress. As the law now stands the present members have exhausted their legislative functions. No legislation at such session without the permission of Congress first had by altering the organic act would be legal

Yours truly
Wm Hemphill Jones
Chief Clerk.

Hon S. P. Bennett
House of Repts

Judge Bennett in his letter enclosing the above says.

"No Session can be paid for until a new legislature is Elected. This is what the Hon Elisha Whittlesey says and he opens and closes the Treasury on you as the law directs. I regard the question as far as disbursing the money concerned as settled now beyond all controversy"

Being thus advised I deem it my duty to decline paying the members or making any expenditure on account of the session should it assemble on the 7th of next month.

Am I right?

With great Respect
Your obdt Servt
Sam M Elbert
Secretary Colorado Territory

Executive Department. Colorado Territory
Secretary's Office
Denver. July 8th 1862

B. S. Buel Esq
Clerk & Recorder
Gilpin Co. C.T.

Sir.

You will find enclosed commission and oath for John. H. Ratliff, as Notary Public of your County, which you will please deliver to him as soon as he shall qualify and execute the customary bond, and you shall have recorded the same.

You will please endorse upon his bond to the effect "that you are acquainted with the sureties thereon, and that you believe them to be worth the penal sum therein mentioned over and above all their just debts and liabilities"

The laws do not state who shall approve of the bonds of Notaries, but as it is necessary that the public should be protected against worthless bonds, and as it is impossible for me to obtain the necessary information to enable me to approve them, except by this method. I have adopted the practice of asking the Clerk & Recorder of the County for which the Notary is appointed, to certify to the sufficiency of the bondsmen as above. It in no way renders them liable, and is a protection to the public.

With great respect
Your obt Servt
Sam A. Elbert
Secretary Col. Territory
Per E. P. Duke

Executive Department: Colorado Territory:
Secretary's office
Denver. July 4th 1862.

Hon Elisha Whittlesey
First Comptroller
Treasury Department

Sir

My instructions make it my duty to forward to you on the 1st of July of Each year, a Report of Expenditures in my office.

I entered upon the duties of my office on the 27th of May last and as there was no money to my credit. I have made no expenditures, except a few incidental matters which will appear in my Report next December.

I fear I shall find it difficult to economize, as everything in this country is sold at an extravagant figure, and Dealers and Contractors have been so long accustomed to the extravagant prices paid by Governments, that economy on the part of a Government Agent is a trespass on their vested rights. I have however left the Rooms leased by my Predecessor at $900. pr. annum, and leased others at $250. pr annum. which answer every purpose. Which is some progress.

If we can get through the difficulties and embarrassments arising from the illegal constitution of our present Legislative Assembly, a complication awaiting us when we came to the Territory. I think with our present able and judicious Governor, we will glide along without a ripple.

Our Territory is in a prosperous condition, and I think will become in time the "Gold of the Country"

With great Respect
Your obdt servt
Sam H Elbert
Secretary Colorado Territory.

Executive Department, Secretarys Office.
Colorado Territory.
Denver July 9th 1862

Sent this day to the Sheriff of Each County, notices of Election of delegate to Congress and Members of the House of Representatives at the next general Election to be held on the first Tuesday in September next.

Sam. H. Elbert
Secretary Colorado Territory

Executive Department Colorado Territory
Secretarys office
Denver July 10th 1862

To His Excellency Abraham Lincoln
President of the United State
Sir

Section Third of the Organic act of our Territory, requires a copy of the Executive Proceedings to be transmitted to the ~~President~~ the first of december each year.

I here with transmit you the same for last year, which my Predecessor neglected sending.

With great respect
Your obdt servt
Sam. H. Elbert
Secretary of Colorado Territory

Executive Department Colorado Territory,
Secretarys office
Denver July 10th 1862

Hon Elisha Whittlesey
First Comptroller, Washington D.C.
Sir

I here with transmit you, account of Stettaner & Bro for three months rent for Executive Buildings.

Seventy five dollars pr. month was the price stipulated to be paid by my Predecessor in his lease. You will see by my letter of the 4th inst. I have rented other and cheaper rooms.

You will please instruct me in regard to the payment of this account.

With great Respect
Your obdt servt
Sam H Elbert. Secretary Colorado Ter.

Executive Department Colorado Territory.
Secretary's Office
Denver July 11th 1862.

To His Excellency
Governor of the State of Maryland.

Sir

I am directed by his Excellency the Governor of Colorado Territory to acknowledge the receipt of
One Copy Laws of Maryland 1861-62
" " House Journal & Documents " "
" " Council " " " " "
transmitted by the State of Maryland for the use of the Territory of Colorado.

Respectfully
Your obt Servt
Sam A Elbert
Secretary of Colorado Territory

Executive Department. Colorado Territory.
Secretarys Office.
Denver July 12th 1862.

C. Boyle, Esq.
Empire City C.T.

Sir

Your letter of the 4th inst to his Excellency Gov. Evans has been received and by him refered to me.

It will be necessary for you to make affidavit to the loss of the property, with full particulars, and substantiate it by as many witnesses as possible

There are no Blanks such as you mention in your letter. You had better employ some Lawyer acquainted with Indian Claim practice to draw up the necessary papers, or if you will come down to Denver, and bring your witnesses with you, I will prepare your papers for you.

Respectfully
Your obt Servt
Sam A Elbert
Secretary of Colorado Territory

Executive Department. Colorado Territory.
Secretary's Office
Denver July 22. 1862.

Hon Joseph Kenyon
House of Representatives

Sir.

Enclosed please find letter from Clerk and Recorder of Boulder County.

I think that a Special act of the Legislature will be necessary to Legalize the assessment and subsequent proceedings under the same.

I therefore refer the matter to you as their Representative, that you may take such action as you may think proper and necessary in the premises.

With great respect
Your obdt servt
Sam A Elbert
Secy of Colorado Territory

Executive Department Colorado Territory,
Secretary's Office
Denver. July 22d 1862

J. G. Williams Esq.
Deput Clerk and C.
Boulder County C. T.

Yours of July 14th has been received,

In reply I would say that I see no way out of your difficulties, except by a Special act of the Legislature, legalizing your assessment and subsequent proceedings under the same.

I have referred your letter to the Hon. Joseph Kenyon, Representative from your County, with a recommendation that he introduce a Special act, that will meet the exegencies of the case.

With great respect
Your obdt servt,
Sam A Elbert
Secy of Colorado Territory,

Executive Department Colorado Territory
Secretary's Office
Denver July 24th 1862

Hon. Elisha Whittlesey
First Comptroller

Sir.

Enclosed you will please find Invoice of office book and furniture delivered to me by predecessor Mor Weld

With great respect
Your obdt servt
Sam. H. Elbert
Secretary of Colorado Territory.

Executive Department Colorado Territory
Secretary's Office.
Denver July 25th 1862

Hon Thos. J. Cisco
Asst Treasurer &c.

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 14th inst informing me that Draft No. 5359. for Twelve thousand dollars has been placed to my credit in your office.

I herewith transmit to you my Official Signature

With great respect
Your obdt servt
Sam. H. Elbert
Secretary of Colorado Territory

Executive Department Colorado Territory.
Secretary's Office.
Denver July 28th 1862.

Robert H. Minnie
Treasurer, Park Co.

Sir.

I am in receipt of your letter of the 22nd inst. and would say in reply. that. In the absence of any law making gold dust a legal tender for Territorial Taxes. you cannot receive "dust" in payment.

A law authorizing the payment of taxes in "dust" at a low standard per oz. would be a great accommodation to the Miners, and I will suggest the same to the Legislature.

With great respect
Your obdt servt
Sam H Elbert
Secretary of Colorado Territory.

Executive Department. Colorado Territory.
Secretary's Office
Denver July 28th 1862.

B. S Buell Esq
Clerk and Recorder
Gilpin Co. C.T.

Sir

You will find enclosed a commission and oath for Harper. M. Orahood. as Notary Public for your County, which you will please deliver to him as soon as he shall qualify and execute the customary Bond. to be approved by you.

You will confer a favor if you will collect my fees $2.50 &c.

With great respect
Your obdt servt
Sam. H. Elbert
Secretary of Colorado Territory

Executive Department Colorado Territory
Secretary's Office
Denver July 28th. 1862.

Harper. M. Orahood Esq
Black Hawk Point. C.T.

Sir.

You have been appointed by his Excellency the Governor, a Notary Public for Gilpin County.

You will receive your commission as such by calling upon B. S Buell. County Clerk and Recorder of your County, and subscribing to the customary oath and giving the customary bond

The fee is $ 2.00 which you will please pay to Mr Buell.

With great respect
Your obt Servt
Sam. H. Elbert
Secretary of Colorado Territory

Executive department. Colorado Territory
Secretary's Office.
Denver July 28th. 1862.

Hon John. J. Cisco.
Asst Treasurer. United States
New York.

Sir.

I have this day drawn against the amounts to my credit in your hands. The following drafts.

Draft No 1. dated July 28th. 1862.
payable to Wm Mc. Slaughter or bearer,
for Fifty (50) dollars. $ 50.

Draft No 2. dated July 28th. 1862.
payable to Robt. B. Willis or bearer
for Fifty (50) dollars. $ 50.

Draft No 3. dated July 28th. 1862
payable to Mat Riddlebarger or bearer
for Forty (40) dollars $ 40.

Draft No 4. dated July 28th. 1862.

payable to James A Stolenware or bearer
for Fifty (50) dollars. $ 50.

Draft No 5. dated July 28th 1862.
payable to Abram. H. Colby or bearer
for Fifty (50) dollars $ 50.

Draft No 6. dated July 28th 1862.
payable to James B. Woodson or bearer
for Fifty (50) dollars $ 50.

Draft No 7. dated July 28th 1862
payable to Francisco. Gallagos or bearer
for Fifty (50) dollars. $ 50.

Draft No 8. dated July 28th 1862.
payable to Victor Garcia or bearer
for Fifty (50) dollars $ 50.

Draft No 9. dated July 28th 1862
payable to Jesus. Mo. Barela or bearer
for Fifty (50) dollars. $ 50.

Draft No. 10. dated July 28th 1862.
payable to Rafael Albartin or bearer
for Fifty (50) dollars. $ 50.

Draft No 11. dated July 28th 1862,
payable to John Howard or bearer
for Fifty (50) dollars. $ 50.

Draft No 12. dated July 28th 1862
payable to Daniel Steele or bearer
for Fifty (50) dollars $ 50.

Draft No 13. dated July 28th 1862.
payable to Geo. F. Loucks
for Fifty (50) dollars. $ 50.

Draft No 14. dated July 28th 1862
payable to John Forker or bearer
for Fifty (50) dollars $ 50.

Draft No. 15. dated July 28th. 1862
payable to Joseph Kenyon or bearer.
for Fifty (50) dollars. $ 50.

Draft No. 16. dated July 28th 1862..
payable to Melancthon Beach or bearer
for Fifty (50) dollars. $ 50.

Draft No 17. dated July 28th. 1862
payable to Chas. L. Holly or bearer
for Fifty (50) dollars. $ 50.

Draft No 18. dated July 28th. 1862
payable to Edwin Scudder or bearer
for Fifty (50) dollars. $ 50.

In part payment of their dues as members of the Legislative Assembly of Colorado Territory

With great respect
Your obdt servt
Sam. H. Elbert
Secretary of Colorado Territory

Executive Department Colorado Territory
Secretarys Office
Denver July 30th. 1862.

H. Sayr. Esq
Depy Clerk
Laporte C. T.

Sir

Your letter enclosing list of County officers. has been received.

I have forwarded a copy of laws by mail, in your care. to the following addresses.
F. W. Sherwood. Abner Loomis. A. J. Hazzard. & H. Sayr.
J. L. Ryan called and received his copy.

Please acknowledge the receipt of these laws.

With great respect
Your obdt Servt
Sam. H. Elbert
Secretary of Colorado Territory

Executive Department, Colorado Territory
Secretary's Office
Denver July 30th 1862

Geo. N. Frost
County Clerk
Park Co, C.T.

Sir

Your communication of the 18th inst has been received,

In reply I would say that the Legislative Assembly of Colorado Territory has passed the following act- "An Act authorizing County Clerk to take acknowledgements of deeds &c." which has been approved and signed by the Governor.

With Great respect
Your obd't servt
Sam. N. Elbert
Secretary of Colorado Territory

Executive Department, Colorado Territory
Secretary's Office
Denver July 30th 1862,

Hon Elisha Whittlesey
First Comptroller.

Sir,

Enclosed please find account of Mr Butler,

It is impossible to get all of the outstanding claims against the Government, during the administration of my Predecessor together, and I am compelled to forward them as they are presented.

Respectfully
Your obd't Servt
Sam. N. Elbert
Secretary of Colorado Territory

Executive Department Colorado Territory
Secretarys Office
Denver July 30th 1862

Hon John. J Cisco
Asst Treasurer United States.
New York.

Sir

I have this day drawn against the amount to my credit in your hands, the following drafts,

Draft No. 19. dated July 29th 1862
payable to James McNasser or bearer
for Ten (10) dollars. $ 10.

Draft No. 20. dated July 29th 1862
payable to Wm Howlat or bearer
for Thirty (30) dollars. $ 30.

Draft No. 21. dated July 29th 1862
payable to George. M. Chilcott or bearer
for Fifty (50) dollars. $ 50.

Draft No. 22. dated July 29th 1862
payable to David Powell or bearer
for Fifty (50) dollars $ 50.

Draft No. 23. dated July 29th 1862
payable to James. N. Hamilton or bearer
for Fifty (50) dollars. $ 50.

Draft No. 24. dated July 29th 1862
payable to James McGee or bearer
for Thirty (30) dollars. $ 30.

Draft No. 25. dated July 30th 1862
payable to Danl. E. Oaks or bearer
for Fifty (50) dollars. $ 50.

Draft No 26. dated July 30th 1862
payable to Henry Altman or bearer
for Fifty (50) dollars. $ 50.

Draft No 27. dated July 30th 1862
payable to Silas. A. Pratt or bearer
for Thirty (30) dollars $ 30.

Draft No. 28. dated July 30th 1862.
payable to E. A. Crafton or bearer
for Twenty (20) dollars $ 20.

Draft No 29 dated July 30th 1862
payable to Sam. S. Curtis or bearer
for Twenty (20) dollars Incidental Expenses $ 20.

Draft No. 30 dated July 30th 1862
payable to Hilbur. P. Stone or bearer
for Twenty (20) dollars. $ 20.
Draft No. 31. dated July 30th 1862
payable to Hilbur. P. Stone or bearer
for Thirty (30) dollars. $ 30.

In part payment of their dues as members of the Legislative Assembly of Colorado Territory.

With great respect
Your obdt servt
Sam A Elbert
Secretary of Colorado Territory

Executive Department. Colorado Territory
Secretary's Office
Denver August 1st 1862

S. B. Woolworth
Secy of the Regents of the University N.Y.

Sir

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of
One copy of the Laws of New York for 1862
" " Regents Report " " " "
Report on Longitude "
transmitted by the State of New York, for the use of the Territory of Colorado, for which we are much indebted to you

Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Sam. A. Elbert
Secretary of Colorado Territory

Executive Department Colorado Territory
Secretary's Office
Denver Aug 1st 1862

To the Hon. The Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Sir

I am in receipt of a Resolution passed by your honorable body July 31st in regard to the pay of E. A. Dubreuille. Interpreter.

In reply I send you of my instructions as regards the officers of the two Houses.

There being in the Organic Act of your Territory no specification of the character or number of such officers, recurs must be had to the 2d. section of the Act of August 29th 1842. (See Vol V Stats. at large. p. 547.) It specifies the following for each House and no more: One Secretary and Asst Secretary or Clerk. one Sergeant-at-arms or door-keeper. one Messenger and one foreman to no one of whom shall more than three dollars a day for the session be paid."

On the 6th day of June I addressed to the Department the following. among other interrogatories.

"Am I authorized to employ one or more Interpreters as may be necessary to interpret for Mexican members of the Legislature? There will be four mexican members in the next session. who cannot understand or speak English. and one or more Interpreters will be necessary."

To this I have as yet received no reply from the Department. I clearly cannot employ or pay an Interpreter.

In a letter addressed to the Hon A. P. Bennett upon the subject of printing the Territorial Laws in Spanish. the Department decided to the effect. that they could not allow any expenditures for that purpose except authorized by a Special act of Congress; and I am of the opinion, that they will also decline to make an allowance for either Interpreter or Translator, unless so authorized,

Respectfully
Sam H. Elbert
Secretary of Colorado Territory

Executive Department Colorado Territory.
Secretarys Office
Denver July 31st. 1862

Hon John J Cisco
Ass't Treasurer United States.
New York.

Sir

I have this day drawn against the amount to my credit in your hands. the following drafts.

Draft No. 32 dated July 31st. 1862 payable to Geo. F. Crocker or bearer for Twenty-five (25) dollars	$ 25.
Draft No. 33. dated July 31st. 1862 payable to Geo. F. Crocker or bearer for Twenty-five (25) dollars	$ 25.
Draft No. 34. dated July 31st. 1862 payable to David Witter or bearer for Fifty (50) dollars	$ 50.
Draft No. 35. dated July 31st. 1862 payable to John M. Francisco or bearer for Fifty (50) dollars	$ 50.
Draft No. 36. dated Aug 1st. 1862 payable to Rafael Martine or bearer for Fifty (50) dollars.	$ 50.
Draft No. 37. dated Aug 1st. 1862 payable to Chas. G. Hausamn or bearer for Twenty (20) dollars	$ 20.
Draft No. 38. dated Aug 1st. 1862. payable to Chas. G. Hausamn or bearer for Thirty (30) dollars	$ 30.
Draft No. 39. dated Aug 1st. 1862 payable to David Moffat or bearer for Three hundred (300.) dollars	$ 300.

In payments of the Expenses of the Legislature of Colorado Territory

With great respect
Your Obdt Servt
Sam. N. Elbert
Secretary of Colorado Territory

Executive Department. Colorado Territory
Secretary's Office
Denver Aug 4th 1862

Wm. M. Oliver
Secy of State
Sir

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of
The 31st volume of the Decisions of the Supreme Court of Missouri, transmitted by the State of Missouri for the use of the Territory of Colorado, for which we are much indebted to you.

Respectfully
Your obdt servt
Sam M Elbert
Secretary of Colorado Territory

Executive Department Colorado Territory
Secretarys Office
Denver Aug 2d 1862

Hon John L Cisco
Asst Treasurer United States
New York.

Sir

I have this day drawn against the amounts to my credit on your hands. The following drafts.

Draft No 40. dated Aug 2d 1862.
payable to E. P. Elmer or bearer
for Twenty (20) dollars $ 20

Draft No 41, dated Aug 2d 1862
payable to Moyn & Rice or bearer
for Fifty (50) dollars $ 50.

Draft No 42 dated Aug 2d 1862
payable to H. R Hunt or bearer
for Fifty (50) dollars. $ 50.

In payment of the Legislative Expenses of Colorado Territory

With great respect
Your obt servt
Sam. M. Elbert
Secretary of Colorado Territory

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Executive Department Colorado Tenitory
Secretarys Office
Denver Aug 6th 1862.

Hon John L. Cisco.
Asst Treasurer United State
New York.

Sir

I have this day drawn against the amounts to my credit in your hands,
The following drafts,
Draft No 43. dated Aug 6th 1862
payable to John Howard or bearer
for Twenty (20) dollars $ 20.
Draft No 44. dated Aug 6th 1862
payable to Elbert Liddelbarger or bearer
for Twenty (20) dollars $ 20.
In payment of the Legislative expenses of Colorado Tenitory.

Your obdt servt.
Sam H Elbert
Secretary of Colorado Tenitory.

Executive Department. Colorado Tenitory.
Secretary's Office
Denver Aug 7th. 1862.

Geo Willing Esqr.
County Clerk and Recorder Park Co

Sir.

Enclosed please find commission of A. D. Griffin as Notary Public, which you will please deliver to him as soon as he shall qualify and execute the customary bond, and you shall have recorded the same.

You will please endorse upon his bond to the effect that you are acquainted with the sureties thereon, and that you believe them to be worth the penal sum therein mentioned, over and above all their just debts and liabilities.

The laws do not state who shall approve the bonds of Notaries, but as it is necessary that the public should be protected against worthless bonds, and as it is impossible for me to obtain the necessary information to enable me to approve them, except by this method, I have adopted

the practice of asking the County Clerk & Recorder of the County for which the Notary is appointed to certify to the sufficiency of the bondsmen as above. It in no way renders them liable, and is a protection to the public.

Please return the bond to this office.

With great respect
Your obd't serv't
Sam A Elbert
Secretary of Colorado Territory

Executive Department Colorado Territory
Denver Aug 7th 1862

Hon. J. M. Gilpin
Asst Treasurer United States

Sir,

I have this day drawn against the amount to my credit in your hands. The following drafts.

Draft No 45. Dated Aug 7th 1862.
Payable to Henry D Parker or bearer
For one hundred (100) dollars $ 100.

Draft No 46. Dated. Aug 7th 1862.
Payable to Robt. B. Willis or bearer
For Fifty (50) dollars $50.

Draft No 47. Dated Aug 7th 1862.
Payable to Mayn & Rice or bearer
For One hundred and forty one (141) dollars. $ 141.

Draft No 48. Dated Aug 7th 1862.
Payable to Victor Garcia or bearer
For Fifty (50) dollars. $ 50.

Draft No 49. Dated Aug. 7th 1862
Payable to Francisco Gallegos or bearer
For Fifty (50) dollars. $ 50.

Draft No 50. Dated Aug 7th 1862
Payable to Raphall Martin or bearer
For Fifty (50) dollars $ 50.

Draft No 51. Dated Aug. 7th 1862
Payable to Jesus M. Baca or bearer
For Fifty (50) dollars $ 50.

Draft No 52. Dated Aug 8th 1862.
Payable to Geo. F. Crocker or bearer

For Twenty five (25) dollars $ 25.
Draft No. 53 dated Aug 8th 1862
Payable to Richard Sopris or bearer
For Fifty (50) dollars $ 50.
Draft No 54. dated Aug 8th 1862
Payable to Joseph Kenyon or bearer
For Fifty (50) dollars. $ 50.
In payment of the Legislative Expenses.

(Your obdt Servt
Sam H Elbert
Secretary of Colorado Territory

Executive Department Colorado Territory
Secretarys Office
Denver Aug 9th 1862

Hon John J Cisco
Asst Treasurer United States

I have this day drawn against the amount to my credit in your hands the following drafts
Draft No 55. Dated Aug 9th 1862
Payable to William Blackwood or bearer
For Eleven (11) dollars. $ 11.
Draft No 56. Dated Aug 9th 1862
Payable to John. M. Francisco or bearer
For Fifty (50) dollars $ 50.
Draft No 57. Dated Aug 9th 1862
Payable Abram W Colby or bearer
For Fifty (50) dollars. $ 50
Draft No 58. dated Aug 9th 1862
Payable to Chas. W. Malbon or bearer
For Seventy five (75) dollars $ 75.
In payment of the Legislative Expenses.

With great respect
Your obd Servt
Sam H Elbert
Secretary of Colorado Territory

Executive Department Colorado Territory
Secretarys Office
Denver Aug 12th 1862

Hon. John. J. Cisco
Asst Treasurer United States
New York.

Sir

I have this day drawn against the amounts to my credit in your hands the following drafts.

Draft No 59. Dated Aug 12th, 1862.
payable to D.C. Oakes or bearer
for fifty (50) dollars $ 50

Draft No 60. dated Aug 12th, 1862
payable to H.L. Graham or bearer
for Thirty four (34) dollars $ 34.

Draft No 61, dated Aug 12th, 1862
payable to H.L. Graham or bearer
for one hundred and nineteen (119) dollars $ 119.

Draft No 62. dated Aug 12th, 1862
payable to Henry Altman or bearer
for twenty nine (29) dollars. $ 29.

Draft No 63. dated Aug 12th, 1862
payable to Wm Hourbert or bearer
for twenty five dollars. $ 25.

Draft No 64. dated Aug 12th 1862
payable to James McGee or bearer
For forty five (45) dollars $ 45.

Draft No 65. dated Aug 12th, 1862
payable to James M. Gee or bearer
for forty two (42) dollars. $ 42.

Draft No 66 dated Aug 12th, 1862.
payable to Geo Lancker or bearer
for one hundred and sixty (160) dollars $ 160.

Draft No 67. dated Aug 13th, 1862
payable to Henry Altman or bearer
for fifty six (56) dollars $ 56.

Draft No 68. dated Aug 13th, 1862
payable to John Forker or bearer
for one hundred and fifteen (115) dollars. $ 115.

Draft No 69 dated Aug 13th, 1862
payable to Jesus. M. Barela or bearer
for one hundred and four (104) dollars $ 104.

Draft No 70. dated Aug 13th, 1862.
payable to Victor Garcia or bearer
for eighty three (83) dollars. $ 83.

Draft No 71. dated Aug 13th. 1862
payable to Rafael Matine or bearer
for fifty four (54) dollars $ .54

Draft No 72, dated Aug 13th. 1862.
payable to Francisco Gallegos or bearer
for one hundred and sixteen (116) dollars. $ 116.

Draft No 73. dated Aug 13th. 1862
payable to Danl. Steel or bearer
for sixty seven (67) dollars $ 67.

Draft No 74, dated Aug 14th. 1862
payable to Edwin Scudder or bearer
for ninety one (91) dollars $ 91.

Draft No 75, dated Aug 14th, 1862
payable to Joseph Kenyon or bearer
for forty five (45) dollars. $ 45.

Draft No 76, dated Aug 14th, 1862.
payable to W. A. Strickland or bearer
for one hundred and forty five 50/100 (145.50) dollars $ 145.50

Draft No 77. dated Aug 14th. 1862
payable to O. A Whittemore or bearer
for one hundred and fifty nine (159) dollars $ 159.

Draft No 78 dated Aug 14th 1862
payable to James W Hamilton or bearer
for one hundred and six (106) dollars. $ 106.

Draft No 79. dated Aug 14th, 1862
payable to Robt. B. Willis or bearer
for twenty three 60/100 dollars $ 23.60

Draft No 80 dated Aug 14th. 1862
payable to A. B. Hayes or bearer
for one hundred and twenty three (123) dollars $ 123.

Draft No 81. dated Aug 14th. 1862
payable to J A Woteware or bearer
for one hundred and seven 50/100 (107.50) dollars $ 107.50

Draft No 82, dated Aug 14th 1862
payable to Chas. F. Holly or bearer
for fifty three (53) dollars. $ 53.

Draft No 83. dated Aug 14th, 1862
payable to Chas. F. Holly or bearer
for twenty five ($25) dollars $ 25.

Draft No 84, dated Aug 14th 1862

payable to Chas F Kelly or bearer.
for twenty five (25) dollars — $ 25.—

Draft No 85. dated Aug 14th. 1862
payable to Silas Pratt or bearer
for forty three 50/100 (43,50). dollars — $ 43.50

Draft No 86. dated Augst 14th. 1862
payable to E. A. Grafton or bearer
for twenty six 50/100 (26,50) dollars — $ 26.50

Draft No 87. dated August 14th. 1862
payable to Wm. M. Slaughter or bearer
for Thirty one dollars (31) — $ 31.

Draft No 88. dated August 14th. 1862
payable to F. A. Parker or bearer
for twenty seven 50/100 (27.50) dollars — $ 27.50

Draft No 89 dated August 14th. 1862
payable to Isaac A Hagan or bearer
for Eighty seven (87) dollars — $ 87.

Draft No 90. dated August 14th. 1862
payable to E.S. Wilhite or bearer
for one hundred and forty one (141) dollars — $ 141.

Draft No 91. dated Aug 14th. 1862
payable to R Sopris or bearer
for Seventy dollars (70) dl — $ 70.

Draft No 92. dated Aug 14th. 1862
payable to Wilbur F. Stone or bearer
for one hundred and four 50/100 (104,50) dollars — $ 104,50

Draft No 93 dated Aug 14th. 1862
payable to George McWhitworth or bearer
for Eighty three 50/100 (83,50) dollars — $ 83,50

Draft No 94 dated Aug 14th. 1862
payable to Clark Gruber & Co or bearer
for two hundred (200) dollars — $ 200.

Draft No 95 dated Aug 14th 1862
payable to Neal Riddlebarger or bearer
for Sixty (60) dollars — $ 60.

Draft No 96 dated Aug 14th 1862
payable to John Howard or bearer
for fifty (50) dollars — $ 50.

Draft No 97. dated Aug 14th. 1862
payable to James M. Gillman or bearer
for ninety (90) dollars — $ 90.

Draft No 98. dated Aug 15th. 1862
payable to J.B. Chaffee or Bearer

for one hundred and seventeen (117) dollars $ 117.

Draft No 99. dated Aug 15th. 1862

payable to D.C. Oaks or bearer

for thirty and 50/100 (30.50) dollars $ 30.50

Draft No 100. dated Aug 15th. 1862

payable to J.M. Francisco or bearer

for sixty five (65) dollars $ 65.

Draft No 101 dated Aug 15th. 1862.

payable to Danl. Witter or bearer

for fifty (50) dollars $ 50.

Draft No 102. dated Aug 15th. 1862.

payable to Danl. Witter or bearer

for fifty three (53) dollars $ 53.

Draft No 103. dated Aug 15th. 1862

payable to David Powell or bearer

for ninety one (91) dollars $ 91.

Draft No 104. dated Aug 15th. 1862

payable to M.D. Beach or bearer

for seventy and 30/100 (70.30) dollars $ 70.30

Draft No 105. dated Aug 15th. 1862

payable to R.R. Harbour or bearer

for twenty five (25) dollars $ 25.

Draft No 106 dated Aug 15th, 1862

payable to A.M. Colby or bearer

for fifty nine (59) dollars $ 59.

Draft No 107. dated Aug 15th. 1862

payable to James McNasser Jr or bearer

for one hundred and ten (110) dollars $ 110.

Draft No 108. dated Aug 15th. 1862

payable to James Woodson or bearer

for one hundred and thirty (130) dollars $ 130

Draft No 109. dated Aug 15th, 1864

payable to R.C. Bailey or bearer

for forty five (45) dollars $ 45.

In payment of the Legislative Expenses.

The books of blanks which you mention in your letter as having been forwarded has not as yet arrived

A part of the foregoing drafts from No 116 inclusive are drawn on blanks from St Louis Sub-Treasury, having used all our blanks on New York

With great respect
Your obds servt
Sam H Elbert
Secretary of Colorado Territory

Executive Departments Colorado Territory
Secretarys Office
Denver Aug 19th 1862.

Hon Lucius L. Circo
Asst Treasurer U.S.
New York,
Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of the 9th inst. informing me that my official Signature had not reached you, and that you had declined Paying certain drafts drawn by me.

On the 25th of July last I sent you a letter enclosing my official signature, and acknowledging the receipt of your letter informing me that Draft No 5359 for twelve thousand dollars had been placed to my credit, which I suppose has been delayed on the way, and which I hope you have received before this, but for fear you have not I again send it you.

With great respect
Jno H Elbert
Secretary of Colorado Territory

Executive Departments Colorado Territory
Secretary's office
Denver Aug 19th 1862.

Hon L. L. Circo
Asst Treasurer U.S.
New York
Sir

I have drawn against the funds to my credit in your hands the following drafts.

Draft No 110 dated Aug 15th 1862
payable to J. N. Bond or bearer
for fifty (50) dollars $ 50,

Draft No 111. dated Aug 15th 1862
payable to J. N. Bond or bearer
for fifty (50) dollars $ 50,

Draft No 112. dated Aug 15th 1862
payable to E. A Arnold or bearer
for one hundred and twenty four 50/100 dollars $ 124,50

Draft No 113. dated Aug 15th 1862

payable to J. N. Bond or bearer
for fifty (50) dollars $ 50,

Draft No 114. dated Aug 15th, 1862
payable to J. N. Bond or bearer
for fifty (50) dollars $ 50,

Draft No 115. dated Aug 15th 1862
payable to J. N. Bond or bearer
for sixty five 50/100 (65.50) $ 65,50

Draft No 116 dated Aug 16th, 1862
payable to C. W. Walker or bearer
for fifty four (54) dollars $ 54,

Draft No 117 dated Aug 16th, 1862
payable to Wm T. Muir or bearer
for one hundred and twenty (120) dollars $ 120,

Draft No 118 dated Aug. 16th, 1862
payable to R R Harbour or bearer
for twenty (20) dollars $ 20,

Draft No 119 dated Aug 16th 1862
payable to R R Harbour or bearer
for thirty seven 50/100 (37.50) dollars $ 37,50

Draft No 120. dated Aug 16th 1862
payable to E. P. Elmer or bearer
for fifty (50) dollars $ 50,

Draft No 121. dated Aug 16th 1862
payable to E. P. Elmer or bearer
for fifty (50) dollars $ 50,

Draft No 122. dated Aug 16th 1862
payable to A Widmer or bearer
for one hundred and twenty (120) dollars $ 120,

Draft No 123. dated Aug 16th 1862
payable to O. G. Haussenne or bearer
for thirty five (35) dollars $ 35,

Draft No 124 dated Aug 16th 1862
payable to O. G. Haussenne or bearer
for forty six 10/100 (46.10) dollars $ 46,10

Draft No 125 dated Aug 16th 1862
payable to H. R. Hunt or bearer
for ninety one (91) dollars $ 91

Our payments of the Legislative Expenses

With great respect
Your Obdt Servt
Jas H Ebbets
Secretary of Colorado Territory

Executive Department Colorado Territory
Secretary's Office
Denver Aug 20th 1862.

Hon John J. Cisco
Asst Treasurer U.S.
New York,

Sir

I have this day drawn against the funds to my credit in your hands the following draft

Draft No 126 dated Aug 20th, 1862
Payable to Amos Stark or bearer
For one hundred and forty one dollars $141
In payment of the Legislative expenses,

With great respect
Your obdt Servt
Sami H Elbert
Secretary of Colorado Territory

Executive Department Colorado Territory
Secretary's office
Denver Aug 21st 1862

Thos. H Baker Esq
Dep'ty Clerk Dist Court.

Sir

Your letter of the 18th inst
has been received,

In reply I would say, that two terms of Court are to be held in Park County annually commencing on the first Monday in May, and the second Monday in September, and that there has been a law enacted repealing the law entitling Judges to fees

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
Sami H Elbert
Secretary of Colorado Territory,

Executive Department Colorado Territory
Secretary's Office
Denver Aug 21st 1862.

G. H. Frost Esq
County Clerk

Sir

Yours of the 18th inst has been received, Enclosed please find your commission as Notary Public for Park County, together with oath of office, which you will please take before some one authorized to administer oaths.

I also send as requested, copies of the Revenue and License laws.

You will take the oaths and return it with the bond to this office, after the Probate Judge or some other of the County officers having approved such bond.

With great respect
Your Obdt Servt
Sam. H. Elbert
Secretary of Colorado Territory

Executive Department Colorado Territory
Denver Aug 22d 1862.

Hon John J. Cisco
Asst. Treasurer U.S.
New York

Sir,

I have this day drawn against the funds to my credit in your hands, the following draft
Draft No 127, dated Aug 22d 1862
payable to A.C. Hunt or bearer
for Five hundred dollars $500,
On account of Incidental expenses.

With great respect
Your obdt servt
Sam. H. Elbert
Secretary of Colorado Territory.

Executive Department Colorado Territory
Denver Aug 30th. 1862

Hon. Arthur Lewis
Asst Treasurer U.S.
New York

Sir

I have this day drawn against the funds to my credit in your hands the following draft

Draft No 128. dated Aug 30th 1862
payable to Wm. M. Slaughter or bearer
for Sixty dollars. $ 60.

In payment of the Legislative expenses,

With great respect
Your obdt servt
Sam. H. Elbert
Secretary of Colorado Territory

Executive Department Colorado Territory
Denver Aug 30th. 1862.

J. S. Kehler Esq

Sir

Yours of August 15th has been received. In reply I would say this matter will be attended to as soon as Governor Evans returns from Illinois

Very respectfully
Sam. H. Elbert
Secretary and acting Governor of
Colorado Territory

Executive Department
Colorado Territory
Denver Sept 1st 1862.

Hon Johw. J. Cisco
Asst Treasurer U.S.
New York
Sir

I have this day drawn against the amounts to my credit in your hands the following drafts

Draft No 129 dated Sept 1st 1862 payable to A.S. Curtis or bearer for sixty three 49/100 dollars	$ 63,49
Draft No 130 dated Sept 1st 1862 payable to Thos Gibson or bearer for Eighty dollars	$ 80.
Draft No 131 dated Sept 1st 1862 payable to Thos Gibson or bearer for thirty seven 70/100 dollars	$ 37.70
Draft No 132 dated Sept 1st 1862 payable to Wm. T Byers or bearer for Four hundred dollars,	$ 400.
Draft No 133 dated Sept 21st 1862 payable to David H Moffat or bearer for eighty three 33/100. dollars	$ 83,33-

In payment of incidental Expenses

With great respect
Your obdt Servt
Jam. A Elbert
Secretary of Colorado Territory.

Secretary's Office Colorado Territory,
Denver Sept 11th 1862.

Gordon. L. Ford Esq
Sir

Your letter requesting an appointment as a commissioner of Deeds for the Territory of Colorado in and for the State of New York, has been received, and the appointment made.

in the Genesee Bank

Secretary's Office Colorado Territory
Denver Sep 11th 1862

Hon John. J Cisco
Asst Treasurer New York

Sir

I have drawn against the funds to my credit in your hands the following drafts.

Draft N° 134 dated Sep 10th 1862
payable to E. T. Duke or bearer
for one hundred dollars $ 100,

Draft N° 135 dated Sep 10th 1862.
payable to E. T. Duke or bearer
for two hundred and sixty dollars $ 260,

In payment of Incidental Expenses

Please send me a statement of my account
The draft book you sent has not come to hand.

Very Respectfully
Sam. H. Elbert
Secretary of Colorado Territory

Secretary's Office Colorado Territory
Denver Sep 16th 1862.

To His Excellency
Governor of Connecticut

Sir

I am in receipt of the following books

2 Numbers - Public Acts of Connecticut - 1861, & 62.
1 " House Journal State of " 1861

transmitted by the State of Connecticut for the use of Colorado Territory. for which you have our thanks.

Very Respectfully
Your obdt servt
Sam H Elbert
Secretary of Colorado Territory

Secretarys Office Colorado Territory
Denver Sep 16th 1862.

To His Excellency
Governor of California

Sir

I am in receipt of the following books.

Statutes of California for the years 1854, 1855, 1856, 1857, 1858 & 1859, transmitted by the State of California for the use of Colorado Territory for which you have our thanks.

Very Respectfully
Your obdt Servt
Sam. D. Elbert
Secretary of Colorado Territory

"Secretarys Office Colorado Territory
Denver Sept 19th 1862

Hon John Hesco
Asst Treasurer U.S.
New York

Sir

I have this day drawn against the funds to my credit in your hands the following draft, Draft No 136. payable to Lucy A. Maggard or bearer for Fifteen dollars $15.00
In payment of Incidental Expense

With great Respect
Your obdt Servt
Sam D Elbert
Secretary of Colorado Territory.

Secretarys Office Colorado Territory
Denver Sept 19th 1862

To His Excellency
Gov of Illinois

Sir

I am in receipt of the following books

One copy each 23d 24, 25 & 26th Illinois Reports
House & Senate Journals, Reports & Laws 1861.

transmitted by the State of Illinois for the use of the Territory of Colorado, for which you have our thanks.

Very Respectfully
Your obdt Servt
Sam. H. Elbert
Secretary and Acting Governor
of Colorado Territory

Secretarys Office
Colorado Territory
Denver Sept 20th 1862.

L. J. A. Graham
Acting Register of the Treasury.

Sir

In compliance with your letter of Aug 25th, requesting estimates for the fiscal year ending June 1864. I submit the following

Legislative Expenses	$ 10.000
Printing "	3,000
Incidental Expenses	7,000
	$ 20,000

This is the usual appropriation for Territorial Expenses

With great respect
Your obdt servt
Sam. H. Elbert
Secretary of Colorado Territory.

Executive Departments Colorado Territory
Denver Sept 22d 1862.

G. N. Frost Esq
County Clerk

Sir

Enclosed you will find Commission of S. K. Hughes as Notary Public for Park County, which you will please deliver to him, after he has executed the customary bond to be approved by you - taken the customary oath of office, and you shall have recorded the same together with his commission.

The bond and oath send to this office

Please collect the fee $2.50

Respectfully
Jas. M. Elbert
Secretary and Acting Governor of
Colorado Territory

Executive Department
Colorado Territory
Denver Sept 22d 1862.

S. K. Hughes

Your request to be appointed a Notary Public has been received and the appointment made You will receive your commission by applying to the County Clerk, after having filed the customary bond and oath of office, and the same shall have been recorded.

The fee is $ 2.50 which you will please pay to Mr Frost Co Clerk.

Respectfully
Jas. M. Elbert
Secretary & Acting Governor of
Colorado Territory

Secretary's Office
Colorado Territory
Denver Sept 25th 1862.

D.C. Collier Esq
Sir

Enclosed you will find commissions as Notary Public and Public Administrator for Gilpin County.

It will be necessary for you to have your Notary commission and oath of office recorded. The oath you will please have returned to this office.

Your letter enclosing $4 as Notary and $4. in dust for copies of laws has been received.

The fees are $2.50 for each commission

Respectfully
Your obdt Servt
Sam. H. Elbert
Secretary of Colorado Territory

Secretary's Office Colorado Territory
Denver Oct 6th 1862.

To His Excellency
Governor of Connecticut
Sir

I am in receipt of the following books

2 Vols	Private Acts of Connecticut,		1862.
1 "	House Journal	"	1862
" "	Senate	"	"

transmitted by the State of Connecticut for the use of the Territory of Colorado, for which we are much indebted to you

With Great Respect
Your obdt Servt
Sam. H. Elbert
Secretary of Colorado Territory.

Secretary's Office Colorado Territory
Denver Oct 8th 1862.

To His Excellency
Governor of Vermont

Sir

I am in receipt of the following books

Shaw's Vermont Reports	1862.
Laws of "	1861.
Report of Board of Education	1861
House Journal Vermont	1861.

transmitted by the State of Vermont for the use of the Territory of Colorado. for which you have our thanks

Very Respectfully
Your obdt Servt
Sam. H. Elbert
Secretary of Colorado Territory.

Secretary's Office Colorado Territory
Denver Oct 20th 1862.

Hon. J. Flesco
Asst Treasurer U. S.
New York.

Sir:

Please send me book of blank drafts, as I have not received the one sent by you, also, a statement of my account up to this time. I have written for both of these several times but have received no reply.

With great respect
Your obdt servt
Sam. H. Elbert
Secretary of Colorado Territory.

Secretary's Office Colorado Territory
Denver Oct 28th 1862.

Hon John L. Leisco
Asst Treasurer U.S.
New-York

Sir

Your letter of the 16th inst enclosing statement of my disbursing account has been received, and I have examined the same, and find it to agree with my account.

There are several drafts I have drawn upon you, amounting in the aggregate to $ 1024,50. which you do not mention in your statement, but which I suppose have never been presented for payment

Respectfully
Your obdt Servt
Sam N. Elbert
Secretary of Colorado Territory.

Secretary's Office, Colorado Territory
Denver Nov 6th 1862.

Hon Elisha Whittlesey
First Comptroller
Washington D.C.

Sir;

I herewith transmit you accounts of Noyes & Rice and William Blackwood.

These claims were made during the administration of my predecessor,

Please instruct me in regard to the payment of them

Respectfully
Your obd Servt
Sam N Elbert
Secretary of Colorado Territory

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Secretary's Office Colorado Territory
Denver Nov 7th 1862.

To His Excellency
Governor of New Jersey

Sir:

I am in receipt of the following book— Legislative Documents. New Jersey, 1862.— transmitted by the State of New Jersey for the use of the Territory of Colorado. For which we are much indebted to you

Respectfully
Your obdt servt
Jas N Gilbert
Secretary of Colorado Territory.

Secretary's Office. Colorado Territory
Denver Nov 7th 1862.

To His Excellency
Governor of Vermont

Sir:

I am in receipt of the following books

Vermont Senate Journal 1861.
Report of Auditor of accounts 1862.
7th " " Railroad Commissioners "
6th " " Board of Education "
Rules of Senate & House of Rep. "

transmitted by the State of Vermont for the use of the Territory of Colorado. for which we are much indebted to you.

Respectfully
Your obdt servt
Jas N Gilbert
Secretary of Colorado Territory.

Secretary's Office Colorado Territory
Denver Nov 11th 1862

Hon S. P. Chase
Secretary of Treasury

Sir:

At the suggestion of the Hon Elisha Whittlesey 1st Comptroller &c, I make a requisition on your Department for the sum of six thousand dollars. ($6000.00) to be used in paying the claim of Thomas Gibson for printing laws, Journals &c. of the 1st session of the Legislative Assembly of Colorado, amounting to $5,653.38, together with other unsettled claims of smaller amounts.

These claims accrued under the administration of my predecessor Mr. Weld, and should properly be paid out of the appropriation for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1862.

You will oblige me by placing the above amount to my credit at New York,

Respectfully
Your obdt servt
Jas. Gilbert
Secretary of Colorado Territory.

Secretary's office. Colorado Territory
Denver Nov 11th 1862.

How Wilbur F. Stone

Sir:

Enclosed you will find your commission as Notary Public of Park County.

It will be necessary for you to have your bond, oath of office, and ~~Commission~~ recorded.

After the bond and oath of office are recorded you will please return them to this office

Respectfully
Your obdt Servt
Jas Gilbert
Secretary of Colorado Territory

Secretary's Office Colorado Territory
Denver Nov 19th 1862

Hon. Wm. H. Seward
Secretary of State
Washington D.C.

Sir:

Believing that it will not interfere with my duties here as Secretary, I hereby apply for leave of absence from the Territory for the Winter.

I enclose a letter from His Excellency Gov. Evans on the subject.

With great Respect
Your obt servt
Sam. H. Elbert
Secretary of Colorado Territory

Secretary's Office, Colorado Territory
Denver Nov 24th 1862.

Hon. Elisha Whittlesey
First Comptroller
Treasury Department

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of Oct 6th advising me that my salary for the quarter ending Sept 30th had been forwarded. In reply, I would say that I received the same, for which accept my thanks.

Very Respectfully
Your obt servt
Sam H Elbert
Secretary of Colorado Territory

Secretarys Office, Colorado Territory.
Denver Nov 29th 1862.

N.B. Morse Esq
Sir:

Your letter requesting to be appointed as Notary Public of Gilpin County has been received, and the appointment made.

It will be necessary before receiving your commission to execute the customary bond and oath of office, (the bond to be approved by the County Clerk) and have them recorded and sent to this Office, after which your commission will be forwarded to you.

Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
Saml H Elbert
Secretary of Colorado Territory.

Secretary's Office Colorado Territory
Denver Nov 29th 1862.

Hon. Caleb B. Smith
Secretary of the Interior
Sir:

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor, to acknowledge the receipt of 33 copies of the Laws of the 2d session of the 37th Congress of the United States, transmitted by your Department for the use of Colorado Territory

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
Saml H Elbert
Secretary of Colorado Territory

Secretary's Office Colorado Territory
Denver Dec 8th 1862

To His Excellency
Alex. Ramsey
Gov. of Minnesota

Sir:

I am in receipt of the following books,

Vol. 5. Minnesota Reports		1862
House Journal Minnesota		"
Senate Journal	"	"
Session Laws	"	"
Laws. Extra Session		"
Governors Message		"

Transmitted by the State of Minnesota for the use of the Territory of Colorado, for which we are much indebted to you.

With Great respect
Your obdt servt
Jam N Elbert
Secretary of Colorado Territory

Secretarys office Colorado Territory
Denver Dec 8th 1862

To His Excellency
Israel Washburn
Gov. of Maine,

Sir

I am in receipt of the following books
6th Report of the Secy of the Maine Board of Agriculture,
Acts and Resolves of the State of Maine. 1862
Transmitted by the State of Maine for the use of the Territory of Colorado, for which we are much indebted to you.

With great respect
Your obdt servt
Jam N Elbert
Secretary of Colorado Territory.

Secretary's Office Colorado Territory
Denver Dec 8th 1862.

How John Hosier
Asst Treasurer
New York.

Sir

I have this day drawn against the funds to my credit in your hands the following draft. Draft No 137, payable to Woolworth and Moffatt or bearer for Five Hundred Dollars, on account of Printing.

With great respect
Your obdt Servt
Sam N Elbert
Secretary of Colorado Territory

Secretary's Office Colorado Territory
Denver Dec 9th 1862

To His Excellency
Edward Salomon
Gov. of Wisconsin

Sir:

I am in receipt of the following books. two copies each of the General and Special Laws passed at the last session of the Legislature of Wisconsin, transmitted by the State of Wisconsin for the use of the Territory of Colorado, for which we are much indebted to you.

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
Sam N Elbert
Secretary of Colorado Territory

Secretary's Office, Colorado Territory.
Denver Dec 16th 1862.

Hon John J Cisco
Asst Treasurer U.S.
New York

Sir

I have drawn against the funds to my credit in your hands the following draft. Draft No 138, dated Dec 11th 1862. payable to Clark Gruber & Co or bearer, for Three Hundred Dollars.

With great Respect
Your obdt servt
Sam'l Elbert
Secretary of Colorado Territory.

Secretary's Office, Colorado Territory.
Denver Dec 23rd 1862

James M. Dnps Esq
Sir:

Your letter requesting to be appointed a Notary Public for Clear Creek County has been received and the appointment made.

It will be necessary before receiving your commission to execute the customary bond and oath of office (See. for the amount of the bond p. 44. Sec 6 Laws of Colorado 1861) the bond to be approved by the County Clerk, and have them recorded and sent to this office, after which, your commission will be forwarded to you. After receiving your commission, it will also be necessary to have it recorded. The fee is $ 2, 50.

Very Respectfully
Your obdt servt
Sam'l M. Elbert
Secretary of Colorado
Pr E. T. Dukes Private Secy.

Secretary's Office Colorado Territory
Denver Dec 20th 1862.

To His Excellency
Governor of Massachusetts,

Sir:

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor of Colorado Territory to acknowledge the receipt of the following books. Vols 2 & 3 of Allens Law Reports. Vol. 14. Gray's Reports. Vol 11. Special Laws Mass. Public Acts of the Commonwealth of Mass for the year 1862, and two Copies of the Laws and Resolves of Mass. for 1862. transmitted by the State of Massachusetts for the use of the Territory of Colorado, for which, we are much indebted to you,

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Jas. N. Elbert
Secretary of Colorado Territory
Pr E. T. Duke Private Secy

Secretary's office Colorado Territory
Denver Dec 20th 1862.

Hon John J. Cisco
Asst Treasurer U.S.
New York.

Sir:

I have this day drawn against the funds to my credit in your hands the following draft. Draft No 139, dated Dec 20th 1862 in favor of Turner & Hobbs or bearer, for Sixty two & 50/100 dollars

With great respect
Your obdt servt
Jas N Elbert
Secretary of Colorado Territory
Pr Elbert T. Duke
Private Secretary

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Secretary's Office, Colorado Territory
Dec. 22. 1862.

Hon. John J. Cisco
Asst Treasurer U.S.
New York.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 9th inst. informing me that draft No 5835. for Six Thousand dollars had been placed to my credit in your office.

I have this day drawn against this fund- the following drafts.

Draft No 140. payable to Thomas Gibson or bearer. for One Hundred and Sixteen & 38/100 dollars.

Draft No 141 payable to Thomas Gibson or bearer for Four Hundred and Forty dollars.

Draft No 142, payable to Thomas Gibson or bearer for Seven Hundred dollars.

Draft No 143. payable to Woolworth & Moffat or bearer for Two Thousand dollars.

Draft No 144. payable to Woolworth & Moffat or bearer for Twelve Hundred and Fifty Four & 05/100 Dollars.

Draft No 145. payable to Clark Gruber & Co or bearer for Six Hundred dollars.

With great respect
Your obt. servt
Jam. M. Gilbert
Secretary of Colorado Territory
By E. T. Duke
Private Secy.

Executive Department Secretary's office
Denver Dec 26th 1862.

A.B. Moore Esq
Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of Dec 23rd enclosing bond and oath of office as Notary Public of Gilpin County,

Enclosed you will find your commission. It will be necessary to have it recorded.

Respectfully
Jam. M. Gilbert
Secretary of Colorado Territory
Per E. T. Duke Private Secy.

Secretary's Office. Colorado Territory
Denver Dec, 30th 1862,

To His Excellency
Governor of Pennsylvania,

Sir;

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor of Colorado Territory, to acknowledge the receipt of one copy of Laws of Pennsylvania 1862, transmitted by the Governor of Pennsylvania for the use of Colorado Territory, for which we are much indebted to you.

Very Respectfully
Your obt servt
Jam. M. Elbert
Secretary of Colorado Territory
Pr E. T. Duke Private Secy.

Secretary's Office, Colorado Territory
Denver. Jan. 1st 1863.

Ed. C. Parmelee
Central City

Sir:

Your letter requesting to be appointed a Notary Public for Gilpin County has been received and the appointment made.

It will be necessary before receiving your commission to execute the customary bond and oath of office, (see amt. of bond, page 44, Sec. 6, Laws Col. 1861.) the bond to be approved by the County Clerk, and have them recorded and sent to this office, after which, your commission will be forwarded to you.

The fee is $2.50

Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Jam. M. Elbert
Secretary of Colorado Territory
Pr E. T. Duke Private Secy.

Secretary's Office Col. Ter.
Denver Jan. 21st 1863.

Hon. Samuel E. May
Secretary of State
Salem Oregon

Sir:

I am in receipt of one copy of First Volume Oregon Reports, transmitted by the Secretary of State of Oregon for the use of the Territory of Colorado, for which we are much indebted to you.

Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Jam. N. Elbert
Secretary of Colorado Territory
Per E T Duke Private Secy.

Secretary's Office Col. Ter.
Denver Jan. 22d 1863.

Ed. C. Parmelee Esq
Central City

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter enclosing bond and oath of office as Notary Public, and ten 50/100 dollars.

Enclosed you will find your commission. It will be necessary to have it recorded.

Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Jam. N. Elbert
Secretary of Colorado Territory
Per Elbert T. Duke Private Secy

Secretarys Office, Colorado Territory
Denver Feb 5th 1863.

Hon James Wrights
Secy of State
Des Moines Iowa.

Sir:

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor of Colorado Territory to acknowledge the receipt of one copy Iowa Reports Vol. 12. & one copy Acts 1862 Reg. Session transmitted by the Secretary of State of Iowa for the use of Colorado Territory

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Sam. H. Elbert
Secretary of Colorado Terry.
Per Elbert T. Duke Private Secy

Secretary's Office. Colorado Territory
Denver March 23rd 1863.

To the Honorable
The Secretary of Treasury
Washington. D. C.

Sir.

I will require the sum of one thousand (1,111111) Dollars to pay balance due on the public printing of Second Sesion of the Legislative Assembly and to meet the ordinary incidental expenses of the year ending June 30th. 1863.

With great respect
Your Obt. Servt.
Sam. H. Elbert.
Secretary of Colorado Territory.

Secretary's Office Col. Ter.
Denver March 23rd 1863.

To the Honorable
The First Comptroller
Treasury Department.
Sir.

I am in receipt of the Bills for the public printing as allowed by your Department with the exception of Voucher No. 37 for $31,111 printing House and Council Rolls. Will you be so kind as to pass on the same and send me the allowance by the Department

I inclose you duplicate Voucher in case the one sent originally should be mislaid

With great respect
Your Obt Servt.
Sam'l H. Elbert.
Secretary of Colorado Territory

Secretarys office Colorado Territory
Denver Janry 17th 1866

To the Honorable
The First Comptroller
Treasury Department

Sir

I forward to day additional voucher of Messrs Byers & Dailey for printing Council Journals I also forward copies of Journal for measurement.

The printing accounts of Messrs Byers & Dailey for the last year have not been passed upon and allowed by the Department I would most respectfully urge the attention of the Department to this matter as they are much in need of the money

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
Sam'l H Elbert
Secretary of Colorado Territory

Secretarys Office Colorado Territory
Denver January 26th 1866

To the Honorable
William H. Seward
Secretary of State

Sir

Some time since I sent in my resignation as Secretary of Colorado and requested that it might be accepted as soon as possible.

My business is such as to demand my presence East at an early day and I shall consequently be compelled to leave before the action of the Department becomes known to me. In this case the duties of my office will be performed by Eli M. Ashley Esq. a brother of the Hon James M. Ashley Chairman of Committee on Territories and a gentleman of undoubted ability and integrity.

I regret the almost imperative necessity of this action but am certain that the public service will suffer no detriment. With regard to my faithfulness as an officer of the Government I take pleasure in referring you to Hon. John Evans and Hon G.B. Chaffee Senators elect from the new State of Colorado.

Very Respectfully
Your obt Servt.
Sam T. Elbert
Secretary of Colorado Territory

Secretary's Office Colorado Territory
Denver Jany 26th 1866

To His Excellency
Alexander Cummings
Governor of Colorado

Sir—

I have the honor to inform you that Mr E. M. Ashley has been employed by me as Secretary's clerk and as such has full power and authority to attend to all business appertaining to my office

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt.
Sami H. Elbert
Secretary of Colorado Territory

Office of the Secretary of Col. Terry.
Denver Feby 1st 1866.

O. J. Hollister Esqr
Black Hawk

Sir

I have this day sent you by Express, a copy of the Journal of the late Session of the House of Representatives of Colorado Territory, which you will please publish in accordance with the instructions already given you by Hon Sam H Elbert, using the copy of the Journal of the House of Representatives of 1865- which I have enclosed in the same package as a sample

Very Respectfully
Your obt Sevt
E. M. Ashley
acting for
Sam H. Elbert
Secretary of Col Terry

Office of the Secretary of Colorado Territory
Denver Feby 19th 1866.

C. J. Hollister Esq
Black Hawk

Sir

You will please state to me your understanding of the instructions given you by Hon Sam'l H Elbert, in regard to the number of copies of the Journal of the late Session of the House of Representatives of Colorado Territory he wished to have printed, for comparison with the instructions left by him with me.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt.
E. M. Ashley
acting for
Sam'l H Elbert
Secretary of Col Terry.

Office of the Secretary of Col. Terry,
Denver Feby 26th 1866

O. J. Hollister Esq
Black Hawk

Sir

You will please print two hundred & fifty copies (250) of the Horn journal which I sent you by Express a few days ago

Your obt Servt
E. W. Ashley
acting for
Sam't T. Elbert
Secretary of Col Terry

Proclamation.

At an Election held on the various Representative Districts throughout this Territory, on the seventh day of August A D. Eighteen Hundred and sixty six, the following named persons were elected to the House of Representatives for their respective districts

1st Dist. Peter Minnis (or Peter Minny)
2nd " Edwin Scudder, J. E. Sires, C. J Gift,
C. H. McLaughlin.
3rd Dist. James S. Daggett.
4th " " O. L. Butland.
5th " " C. Parkman
6th " " J. T. Wells, C. Nuckolls, S. S. Hudd
J. V. Clendenin.
7th Dist. C. C. Patterson, R. M. Davis.
8th " " Fred Surles, Wm M. Webster.
9th " " Geo. Rockefellow, Chas L. Hall.
10th " " C. Hughes, J. C. Enhart,
11th " " Soloman Valdez, Juan B. Lobato,
Juan Miguel Vigil.
12th " " John D. Rice.
13th " " M. M. Kenny.
14th " " Wm H. Young.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the great seal of the Territory to be affixed. Done at Golden City this first day of November A. D. Eighteen Hundred and Sixty Six. (1866)

(Signed) Alexander Cummings
Governor Colorado Terry.

All the following Records transcribed in the new Record book, Warren Records Recorders Office in Treasurer Hall be retained as Executive Department Denver, June 21st 1866.

Hon Hugh McCulloch
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington D. C.

Sir:

The sixth annual Session of the Legislative Assembly of Colorado Territory, commences on the first Monday of December next.

I shall require to meet the expenses of the Session the Sum of twelve Thousand Dollars to wit:

Per diem of Members of both Houses			5.000
Mileage	do	do	1.000
Pay of Officers and Employees	do	do	2.000
Incidental Expenses for the half year from July 1st to December 1st 1866			4.000
			$12.000

While you will oblige me by placing to my credit at the Branch Mint at this place.

With great respect
Yr Obt Svt
Frank Hall
Secretary Col Terr

Secretarys Office
Denver Colorado Territory
August 19th 1866

To The Hon Second Auditor of the Treasury
Washington D C

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that on the 10th day of April 1866 I was appointed and duly Commissioned Secretary of Colorado, by the President of the United States; that my Official bond has been Filed According to Law in the proper department in Washington; & that I have been in Constant attendance upon the duties of My Office. You will Kindly Oblige me by remitting Drafts for Salary, on the First National Bank of Denver

With Great Respect
Your Obt Svt
Frank Hall
Secretary Colorado Territory

Secretary's Office
Denver Colorado Ter
Nov 3d 1866

Hon Hugh Mc Culloch
Secy of the Treasury

Sir:

I have the honor to represent that the time is rapidly approaching when the Sixth Legislative Assembly of this Territory will convene. and that my requisition made upon you in June last. for the necessary funds to meet the expenses of said Session remains unanswered.

Fearing that it may not have reached you - as our Mails have been very irregular during the past Summer - I enclose herewith a duplicate of the same.

At the time I assumed the duties of Secretary, but fifteen hundred dollars were

turned over by my predecessor, David H Cheever Esq the greater portion of which was required for the settlement of a long list of accounts then standing against this Department, and on which immediate payment was urgently demanded.

The small amount left me was long ago exhausted, and unless prompt action is taken to replenish my depleted treasury, I shall be compelled to negotiate a personal loan to meet the expenses that have already accrued, and those which must necessarily be added by the coming Legislative Session. This will be presented by His Excellency Governor Cummings who will make further explanations if desired.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado

Office of the Secretary of
Colorado Territory
Lincoln City
Dec 14th 1866.

To the Honorable President of the Council

Sir: Permit me to direct your attention to the subjoined instructions from the Treasury Department now on file in my office: "

"This Department claims and exercises the right under existing laws to regulate the price and quantity of Territorial Printing. The limits of the annual appropriations, aside from any other consideration would not admit of any indefinite action in this respect by the General Assembly.

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will therefore suggest to the Presiding officer of each House, that Memorials Petitions and documents having no necessary connection with the duties of Legislation or the dissemination of useful information among the people, will be excluded, and not printed at the expense of the United States"

Gen West, Proprietor of the Colorado Chronicle has been employed to do the incidental Printing of this Session, and will execute all work which your Committee on Printing (with due regard to the enclosed Instructions) may order.

I am also authorized by the Department to furnish each Member of the Legislature with one Newspaper during the Session the Members of your House will do me the favor to hand their names to the Secretary together with the Newspaper published in this Territory they desire to subscribe for.

I am further instructed to pay all postage of Members during the Session. Letters and Papers should be franked & placed in charge of the Sergeant-at-arms.

Very Respectfully
Your obt svt
Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado Territory

Same Message as the above and foregoing transmitted to the Hon Speaker of the House of Representatives.

N. G. Cheesman Clerk

Office of the Secretary of
Colorado Territory
Golden City Dec 16th 1866

Hon R B Taylor
First Comptroller
Treasury Department

Sir: I have as yet received no Salary from the Department. My Commission bears date April 16th 1866. My Official bonds was forwarded to Hon Wm H Seward Secretary of State on or about the 15th of June last. I subscribed to the required oaths and entered upon my duties as Secretary of Colorado Territory on the 2nd day of May, since which time I have been constantly in the discharge of my official duties. I beg that the necessary steps may be taken to furnish me with the amount of Salary now due as I am greatly in need of it.

With great Respect
Yr Obt Svt
Frank Hall
Secretary Colorado Territory.

Office of the Secretary of Colorado
Golden City Dec 16th 1866.

Capt George West
Publisher Transcript

Sir:

You having been employed by me to do the incidental printing of the present Session of the Legislative Assembly. I beg leave to invite your attention to the following instructions from the Treasury Department.

"The bills should not be printed in type of less size than small Pica, with a blank space of the same width between the lines. In their printing you will discourage any attempts should they be made at Constructive Compositions by means of a large open heading and wide blanks between the lines, so that two pages are made of

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what should constitute but one. This will not be tolerated, and should it be resorted to notwithstanding instructions the bills covering the work will be in their examination by this office diminished accordingly.

I am also required to furnish the Department with specimens of all the printing executed under my supervision, for measurement.

You will therefore forward to this office at least five specimens of each order given you by the Constituted authorities of the present Session.

You are counseled to observe strictly the regulations herein set forth.

Very Respectfully
Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado

Office of the Secretary of Colorado
Territory

Golden City Dec 16th 1866

Hon Hugh McCulloch
Secretary Treasury
Washington D.C.

Sir:

In order to meet certain expenses, an account of which is subjoined - I make a requisition upon your Department for the sum of Six Thousand Dollars ($6,000.) to be used in paying the claims of David C Collier and Amando J Hollister, Publishers employed by me to do the printing of the Fifth Session of the Legislative Assembly of Colorado Territory for printing the Laws and Journals of said Session, together with other unsettled claims which have accrued during the last half of the fiscal year ending Dec 1st

My requisition upon you for Twelve Thousand Dollars ($12,000.) executed in June and duplicated in November, was designed to cover the expenses of the Fifth Legislative Assembly now in Session - but will be nearly sufficient for that

purpose.

My predecessor Hon David H Ellert left me without funds wherewith to defray the expense of publishing the Laws and Journals of last Session. The work has been delivered and the gentlemen before named, are clamorous for their pay.

In view of these facts therefore I most respectfully request that there may be no delay in forwarding a draft to cover the amount of the requisition herein made, and placed to my credit at the First National Bank, or at the Branch Mint. Denver.

With Great Respect
Your Obt Svt
Frank Hall
Secretary Colorado Territory

Office of the Secretary of Colorado
Golden City Dec 18th 1866

Hon Wm H. Seward
Secretary of State
Washington D.C.

Sir:

On the 2nd day of May last I received your note accompanying my Commission as Secretary of Colorado. I subscribed forthwith to the required oaths, framed a note of acceptance and thanks and forwarded the same to you by the hands of his Excellency Alexander Cummings Governor of Colorado. On or about the 16th day of June My official Bond duly executed and approved was addressed to you by mail. You will please me under many obligations by stating whether the same have been received.

With Great Respect
Yr Obt Svt
Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado Territory

(official)

Office of the Secretary of
Colorado Territory

Golden City Dec 16th 1866

Hon E. C. Berthoud
Speaker House of Representatives

Sir:

I feel it to be my duty in view of the fact that your Honorable Body have passed a Resolution authorizing the Committee on Printing "to order five hundred copies of the Governor's Message printed in the Spanish Language. to direct your attention to the following information relating to this subject taken from the Correspondence of my predecessor Hon Samuel H. Elbert August 1st 1862 with the Authorities at Washington."

"In a letter addressed to Hon H. P. Bennett (then Delegate to Congress from Colorado Territory) on the subject of printing the Laws in Spanish. the Department decided to the effect that they could not allow any expenditure for that purpose. except authorized by a Special act of Congress"

"You will therefore instruct the Committee on Printing, to restrict the printing of the present Session to such needful documents in the English language, to be paid for by the United States, as may be necessary and in accordance with the instructions previously given."

I have the honor to be
Your Obt Svt
Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado

Office of the Secretary
of Colorado.

Golden City Dec 14th 1866

Hon Zilva Swales.
Sir:

You are hereby appointed one of a Committee of three for the purpose of examining and reporting upon the accounts of the Territorial Auditor and Territorial Treasurer for the last fiscal year.

Your associates will be Hons John Q Clendenin of the House, and H.H. DeMeary of the Council.

Very Respectfully
Frank Hall
Secretary Colorado Territory

Office of the Secretary of
Colorado Territory

Golden City Dec 14th 1866

Hon H.H. DeMeary
Sir:

You are hereby appointed one of a Committee of three for the purpose of examining and reporting upon the accounts of the Territorial Auditor and Territorial Treasurer for the last fiscal year.

Your associates will be Hons John Q Clendenin and Zilva Swales of the House of Representatives

Very Respectfully
Frank Hall
Secretary Colorado Territory

Office of the Secretary
of Colorado Territory

Golden City Dec 14th 1866

Hon John Y Henderin

Sir:

You are
hereby appointed one of a Committee
of three, for the purpose of examining
and reporting upon the accounts of the
Territorial Auditor and Territorial
Treasurer for the last fiscal year.

Your associates will be
Hons Lida Scales of the House and H.H.
Bennary of the Council.

Very Respectfully
Frank Hall
Secretary Colorado Territory.

Office of the Secretary
of Colorado

Golden City Dec 20th 1866

Hon C B Patterson

Sir:

You are hereby
appointed to serve on a Committee selected
to examine and report upon the accounts of the Territorial Auditor and Treasurer, vice John Y Henderin resigned.

Very Respectfully
Frank Hall
Sec. Col. Terr

Denver Colorado Territory
March 9th 1867

Hon H. H. Van Dyck
Assistant Treasurer
United States.

Sir:

Having received notice that a Draft for Six Thousand Dollars ($6,000) has been placed to my credit at the Sub Treasury. New York. I have the honor to transmit herewith my official signature.

Very Respectfully
Yr Obt Svt
Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado Territory

Office of the Secretary of Colorado Territory

Golden City March 18th 1867.

To the County Clerk
of Arapahoe County.

Sir:

The Laws passed at the last or Sixth Session of the Territorial Legislature are now ready for distribution: You will please make your Requisition upon this office for the number of copies necessary to supply the officers of your County. Should you desire the Laws sent by mail Postage at the Rate of 12 cents per copy must accompany the order.

Very Respectfully
Frank Hall
Secretary Col Ter.

Similar notice sent to each County Clerk throughout the Territory N. T. Eaton Esqr. [illegible] Clerk

Secy's Office

Golden City Colorado Territory
March 17th 1866

To the Hon The First Comptroller
Treasury Department
Washington D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith my Semi-Annual Report for the half year ending December 1st 1866.

I desire to direct special attention to Voucher No 5 for Printing House Journals of the Fifth Legislative Assembly and to request that the same may be passed upon by the Department at the earliest practicable Moment. Printed copies of the Journal were forwarded early in January. Please notify me of the amount allowed thereon in order that I may adjust the same with Amandus J. Hollister the Printer.

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado Terr.

Sealed Proposals
for
Translating and Printing
the
Laws of Colorado
in the
Spanish Language

In compliance with the provisions of section one (1) of an act of the Sixth Legislative Assembly, Approved January 11, 1867 (a true copy of which is hereunto annexed) providing for translating and printing the General Laws of Colorado in the Spanish Language, Sealed Proposals for the proper execution of said work, will be received for thirty days following the date of this Notice, at my office in Golden City.

An Act

To translate and Print the Laws of the Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Sessions of Colorado Territory, in the Spanish Language

Be it enacted by the Council and House of Representatives of Colorado Territory.

Section 1. That the Secretary of the Territory be authorized to contract for the translation of the laws of the fourth, fifth and sixth Sessions of the Legislative Assembly into the Spanish language, and for the publication of three hundred copies of the same in one volume"

Bidders will be governed by the following stipulations:

First. No bids exceeding the limit of the appropriation ($2,5[illegible] as in Territorial warrants) will be received and the contract will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder.

Second. The type used must be of no less size than small Pica for the laws, with agate or nonpareil for marginal annotations and indexes

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Third. The party or parties to whom the contract shall be awarded will be required to enter into bonds for the faithful performance of the same, in a sum not less than double the contract price.

Fourth. Each volume to be neatly and substantially bound in the style known as "law calf" and to contain in addition to the laws of Colorado Territory, one copy of the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution of the United States, and the Organic Act of Colorado Territory, each with all the amendments now in force.

Fifth. The work to be completed and delivered at my office in Golden City, C. T. within six months from date of contract.

Done at Golden City this fourteenth day of March A. D. 1864

Orange H. Hall
Secretary of Colorado Territory

Executive Department
Colorado Territory
Golden City May 16th 1864

To
Ace Treasurer
of Arapahoe County

Sir:

Pursuant to direction of Acting Governor Hall, I have the honor to inform you that all official communications intended for the Auditor of this Territory should be addressed to R. E. Whitsitt Esq, Denver C. T. who alone is recognized by this Department as duly authorized and qualified to act as such.

You are further notified that whatever authority or color of authority any

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person other than the said R E Whitsitt may claim to act as Auditor by virtue of any commission heretofore issued from this Department is canceled and revoked

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
H. G. Sherman
Executive Clerk.

[Similar notice sent to each County Treasurer throughout the Territory] H. G. Sherman

Secretarys Office
Golden City. C.T. July 22d 1867.

To the Sheriff
of Arapahoe County:

Sir - You are hereby notified that the next general election must be held on the Second Tuesday in August as will be seen by reference to the following laws: The act of 1861. regulating elections. page 43 provides that general elections shall be held on the first Tuesday in September in each year. The act of 1864. laws of 1864 page 80. changes the time of holding such elections to the second Tuesday in September. The act of 1866. laws of 1866. substitutes August for September in the foregoing acts. See page 2

In issuing notices for election, the act of 1864 above mentioned, was not referred to, and therefore a mistake occurred as to the day upon which the election should be held. The law now requires that the election shall be held upon the seconds Tuesday in August 1867, and you are authorized and required to correct the notice heretofore issued from this office to you, so as to make the same conform to law.

As the time is extremely short there should be no delay in attending to the upon the notice

Executive Department
Colorado Territory
Golden City June 1st 1867

Hon R W Steele
Comptroller Treasy Dept

Sir: I have the
honor to transmit herewith my
Semi-annual Report for the half year
ending June 1st 1867. I would respect
fully direct your attention to the
several vouchers for printing, and to
request that they be adjusted at your
earliest convenience

With Great Respect
Your Obt Svt
Frank Hall
Secretary Colorado Territory

Office of the Secretary
of Colorado Territory
Golden City June 6th 1867.

To
The Sheriff
of Arapahoe County

Sir!

You are hereby
notified That at the next General Election
to be holden on the first Tuesday in August
A.D. 1867. Members of the Council and House
of Representatives of the Territorial Legisla-
ture are to be chosen, the former for the
full term of four years, the latter for the
full term of two years. Pursuant to the pro-
visions of the recent amendment of the Organic Act of
this Territory. a copy of which is herewith enclosed

Frank Hall
Secy Col Terr

By N. F. Breseman
Executive Clerk

[Similar Notice sent each Co Clerk at proper time]

Public Notice

Secretary's Office
Golden City C.T.
July 1st 1864

Public Notice is hereby directed to the subjoined amendment of the Organic Act of Colorado Territory, enacted by the 38th Congress of the United States at its last Session, and Approved March 30th 1864

An Act
Amendatory of the Organic Act
of Colorado Territory

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled.

That hereafter the Sessions of the Legislative Assembly of Colorado Territory shall be biennial. Members of the Council shall be elected for the term of four years, and members of the House for the term of two years, and shall receive the sum of five dollars per day instead of three dollars as heretofore allowed, and shall also receive the same mileage as now allowed by law.

Sec 2. And be it further enacted, That each House shall have authority to elect in addition to the officers now allowed by law, an enrolling Clerk who shall receive five dollars per day. The Chief Clerks shall receive six dollars per day each.

Sec 3. And be it further enacted, That the members of the Legislative Assembly elected at the general election of said Territory in the year 1864, shall compose the first Legislature under this act, and the said Legislature shall meet at the time now fixed by law for the meeting of the Legislative Assembly of Colorado Territory. The first general election under the new regulation will occur on the first Tuesday in August next

as provided by law.

(Signed) Grant Hall
Secy Ed Territory

Secretary's Office
Golden City July 22d 1867. C.T.

To the Sheriff of
Arapahoe County:

Sir—You are hereby notified that the next general election must be held on the Second Tuesday in August as will be seen by reference to the following laws:

The act of 1861 regulating elections page 731 provides that general elections shall be held on the first Tuesday in September in each year. The act of 1864. laws of 1864. page 80. changes the time of holding such elections to the second Tuesday in September. The act of 1866 laws of 1866. substitutes August for September in the foregoing acts.

In issuing notice for election. the act of 1864 above mentioned, was not referred to and therefore a mistake occurred as to the day upon which the election should be held. The law now requires that the election shall be held upon the Second Tuesday in August 1867. and you are authorized and required to correct the notice heretofore issued from this Office to you, so as to make the same conform to law.

As the time is extremely short. there should be no delay in attending to the requirements of this notice.

(Signed) Grant Hall

Secretary of Colorado Territory.

Secretary's Office
Golden City C.T. Aug 21st 1862

To the County Clerk
of Arapahoe County C.T.

Sir:

This office is frequently called upon to authenticate the official acts of County Officers (especially Justices of the Peace) the names and signatures of whom we have no official knowledge; it is, therefore, for the purpose of obtaining such information, that the accompanying Blank is sent you. You are respectfully requested to cause the same to be filled out in accordance with the Printed Headings, and returned to this office as soon as practicable after the expiration of the time allowed by law for the qualification of Officers.

This List pertains to qualified Officers exclusively, and should embrace Officers holding over, as well as those chosen at the recent Election.

You will please keep this office advised of subsequent changes may from time to time occur in the Offices of your County.

Should one Blank prove insufficient for a complete list, a second is enclosed to supply such deficiency.

Respectfully
Frank Hall
Secty

By N. T. Gleason
Executive Clerk

(Similar Circular with accompanying Blanks sent to each County Clerk throughout the Territory at same date)

Executive Department
State of Colorado

Office of the Secretary of State
Territory Golden City Oct 5th 1876

To the County Clerk
of Pueblo County C.C. Sir:

The Laws passed at the 4th 5th & 6th Sessions of the Territorial Legislature, and printed in the Spanish language, pursuant to enactment of last Legislature, are now ready for distribution.

The number of copies to which your County is entitled, will appear from the Certified List of the Officers of your County, which List you are again respectfully requested to have filled out in accordance with instructions previously sent you, and returned to this Office at the earliest practicable moment.

The postage on said Laws is Ninety (90) cents per copy.

Respectfully
Frank Hall
Secretary C.T.

By N. T. Freeman
Executive Clerk.

[Similar circular sent to the Clerks of Huerfano, Las Animas, Conejos, Costilla and Segundo Counties same date]

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Sealed Proposals for Translating and Printing the Laws of Colorado in the Spanish Language.

To all whom it may concern:

In compliance with the provisions of an act of the Seventh Legislative Assembly entitled "an Act providing for the publication of the laws of the Territory of Colorado in the Spanish Language" approved January 10th 1868. it is hereby announced that Sealed Proposals for the proper execution of said work, will be received for four weeks following the date of this notice, at my office in the City of Denver.

Bidders will be governed by the following stipulations:

First: No bids exceeding the limits of the appropriation (three thousand (3,000) dollars in territorial warrants) will be received, and the contract will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder.

Second- The type must be of no less size than small pica for the laws, with agate or nonpareil for marginal annotations and indexes.

Third- The party or parties to whom the contract is awarded, will be required to enter into bonds to be approved by the Secretary of the Territory, in a sum not less than double the contract price, conditioned for the faithful performance of the work.

Fourth- The number of copies to be five hundred (500) neatly and substantially bound in paper covers, each to contain in addition to the general statutes enacted by the Seventh Legislative Assembly such parts of the revision of the diverse sions Reports as are not contained in the two

volumes heretofore published: the Declaration of Independence and Constitution of the United States; the Organic Act of Colorado Territory and the several amendments thereto.

"Fifth - All manuscript copies of the laws aforementioned, must be made at the expense of the contractor.

"Sixth - The work to be completed and delivered at my office in the City of Denver, within nine months from the date of Contract.

"Proposals should be enclosed in legal envelopes addressed to the undersigned at Denver, Colorado, and endorsed: "Proposals for translating and Printing the Laws of Colorado in the Spanish Language."

"Grant Hall.
Secretary of Colorado

Denver C.T. February 1st. 1868.

"Territory of Colorado
Secretary's Office
Denver July 15th 1868

"To the Sheriff of Arapahoe County, Dist:

You are hereby notified that at the next general Election to be holden on the Second Tuesday of September A.D. 1868 a Delegate, to represent the Territory of Colorado in the Forty first Congress of the United States, and a District Attorney for the First Judicial District of which Arapahoe County is a member, are to be chosen by the people.

You will publish the requisite notices to this effect as provided by law.

Respectfully
Grant Hall
Secretary of Colorado

[Note] Similar Notices were sent to the Sheriffs of all the Counties throughout the Territory July 15th 1868

Territory of Colorado
Secretary's Office
Denver July 22nd 1868.

To the Clerk of Fremont County Sir:

I call your attention to an act entitled "An Act to create and establish a Board of Registry of Electors" Section 66 (III) Pages 930 of the Revised Statutes - which means in brief that the Commissioners are required to lay off and publish the boundaries of all voting Precincts in their respective counties; and if no newspaper is published within the County limits, to post a copy of said boundaries in some conspicuous place in each Precinct: This should have been done on the first Tuesday of July, and no further time should be lost in attending to this essential provision.
A Copy of the Revised Statutes accompanies this letter by Express.

Respectfully
Yours
Lewis Ball
Secy & Ex Off

{Similar letters sent to all County Clerks}

Territory of Colorado
Secretary's Office
Denver May 15th 1869

To the Honorable Hamilton Fish
Secretary of State
Washington D. C.

Sir: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt from your hands, of my Commission as Secretary of Colorado Territory, with accompanying papers and to return herewith my Oath of Office duly authenticated. Permit me also to express my gratitudes for the honor conferred

With great Respect
Your Obedient Servant
Lewis Ball
Secy of Colorado Terry

Territory of Colorado
Secretary's Office
Denver July 12th 1869

To the Sheriff of Arapahoe County:
Sir:

You are hereby notified that the following members of the Territorial Legislature are to be elected at the next General Election to be held on the Second Tuesday of September next viz: Representative District No two composed of the Counties of Arapahoe and Douglas, four Representatives to serve in the Eighth Territorial Assembly to be convened on the first Monday of January A.D. 1870

Respectfully
Orsmus Hall
Secretary of Colorado

Note: Similar notices sent to each Sheriff throughout the Territory July 12th/1869

Territory of Colorado
Secretary's Office
August 10th 1869.

To the Sheriff of Weld County:
Sir:

This Department having received official notices from the legally constituted authorities of Weld County of the removal for a permanent residence of the State of California of the Hon J. H. Pinkerton late representative of the First Council District in the Territorial Legislature. Thereby creating a vacancy in said District. You are hereby notified to give notice of such vacancy in your Public order calling the next General Election to the end that the unexpired term of said Hon J. H. Pinkerton may be duly represented in the Eighth Session of the Legislative Assembly. Very Respectfully

Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado
Similar Notices are transmitted to Boulder and
Jefferson Counties.

Territory of Colorado
Secretary's Office
August 12th 1869.

To the Clerk of Saguache County:

Sir:

Enclosed I hand you a Blank Form
which the Statutes requires to be filled with
the Signatures &c &c of the various Officers of
your County, to be chosen at the next Election.
I also invite your attention to Section 83 Page
567 Revised Statutes of Colorado, having especial
reference to this subject.

Very Respectfully
Frank Hall
Secretary of Colorado

Note: Similar Notices & Blanks sent to each County Clerk
throughout the Territory at the date of the above.